



**MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
July 14, 2020**

I. MEETING OPENED

Chairman Page called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners meeting at 5:30pm, on July 14, 2020 via teleconference on Zoom.us. Present on line were Commissioners Page, Cottiers, Henning, Stedman and Gerrity. Executive Staff on line: Fire Chief Schuldt, Director Bishop, Assistant Chiefs Hanson, Low, and Martin. Staff on line: Suanne Woeste, Nicole Chesser, Joey Brown and Kevin Nelmes. Public on line: George Danz, R. Scott Russell, Randy Ward, and David Caplivski. Other were on line but not recognized.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were skipped.

B. Line of Duty Deaths Reading and Moment of Silence

Chief Schuldt reported there were a total 4 of firefighter fatalities for the month of June, bringing the total for 2020 to 41, followed by a moment of silence.

C. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Stedman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

1. Treasurer's Report

D. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Commissioner Cottiers moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Gerrity seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Approval of the GNFD Board Minutes for June 9, 2020

Commissioner Gerrity moved to approve the June GNFD Board minutes as presented.

Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

F. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Schuldt presented report as submitted and added the following:

- Cases of COVID-19 continue to climb in Collier County.
- Voluntary employee COVID-19 testing was conducted for District employees. Testing included Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and anti-body testing.
- To date \$74,000 has been spent on COVID-19 supplies and PPE.

G. Chapter 175 Firefighters' Pension Plan

No Report

H. Local 2396 Report

- Union President Joey Brown stated there are 4 open grievances that are being worked through.
- Administration is working well regarding time off for employees suspected of having COVID-19.
- The CBA has been presented to the members. The 1st vote will be in August with the 2nd vote following in September.



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II. OLD BUSINESS

A. AIW – Defibrillator Monitor for Station 25

Commissioner Henning moved to approve the purchase of two Cardiac Monitor Defibrillators for the purchase price of \$62,819.50 from Zoll Medical Corporation, thereby authorizing an additional expenditure of \$31,409.75 from the FY 19-20 Impact Fees budget. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 4-1 (Gerrity).

Commissioner Gerrity questioned why not just purchase one monitor and move between Squad 25 and Engine 25?

Chairman Page stated it has been his experience that moving equipment from apparatus to apparatus can cause complications.

B. AIW – Appointment of District Trustee Seat 2

Director Bishop introduced the two candidates for the open Trustee Seat.

Chairman Page suggested each candidate say a few words.

- Mr. R. Scott Russell stated he is a Naples native and has spent 23 years in law enforcement. He would be an advocate for the members of the 175 Pension Plan and support the entire District. He thanked the District for being considered for the Seat.
- Mr. G. Randall Ward stated he is a 25 year resident of Naples and had been a volunteer firefighter for 22 years. He looks forward to supporting the Chapter 175 Pension Plan anyway he can.

Commissioner Henning made a motion to appoint Mr. R. Scott Russell to Seat #2. There was no second. Motion died.

Commissioner Cottiers made a motion to nominate Mr. G. Randall Ward to fill the District Resident Trustee Seat #2 on the Chapter 175 Firefighters' Pension Plan Board of Trustees. Commissioner Gerrity seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. AIW- Amended Budget FY 19-20

Director Bishop gave an overview of the FY 19-20 Amended Budget.

Commissioner Henning moved to accept Staff's recommendation and made a motion to approve the Amended FY 19-20 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$41,102,829.

Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motioned passed 5-0.

B. AIW – FY 20-21 Budget Meeting Schedule

Director Bishop presented the FY 20-21 Budget Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Stedman made a motion to add the following to the Commissioner's calendar. Workshop date and time: Tuesday August 4th @ 3:30pm. First Public Budget Hearing: Wednesday, August 26th @ 5:05pm. Final Public Hearing: Wednesday, September 9th @ 5:05pm. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

C. AIW – LMS Grant Station 21 Generator

Commissioner Gerrity moved to accept Staff's recommendation and award Station 21's Generator Bid to BO's Electric. Commissioner Henning seconded. Motion passed 5-0.



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D. AIW – FY 18-19 Audit Acceptance

Director Bishop presented the FY 18-19 Audit from Grau & Associates. All recommendation from last year have been taken care of and there were no recommendation from this Audit.

Commissioner Henning stated he has reviewed several audits and to not have any recommendations is excellent.

Commissioner Cottiers made a motion to accept staff's recommendations thereby accepting the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2019 into official record as presented by Grau & Associated dated June 29, 2020. Commissioner Gerrity seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

E. AIW – SHSGP Grant 2019 MARC Region 6

Commissioner Gerrity moved to authorize the funding and purchase of approved equipment based on the previously executed FY 2019 SHSGP grant agreement R0114. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

F. AIW – AFG – COVID-19 Supplemental Acceptance

Director Bishop stated the District has been awarded the AFG grant for COVID-19. The original grant package was \$18,402.80 with the Federal share being \$16,729.82 and the District share of \$1,672.98. The grant amount can be adjusted to include COVID-19 costs incurred after the original grant was submitted. Execution of Resolution 2020-08 is also needed.

Commissioner Gerrity moved to proceed with accepting the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant for the purpose of securing COVID-19 PPE and authorize execution of Resolution 2020-08 Executive Office Authorization for Firefighter Assistance Sub Grant agreement related to COVID-19. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

G. AIW – Everglades City Fireworks

Commissioner Cottiers moved to support staff's recommendation and waive the \$1,550 Inspection Fee for the June 27, 2020 Everglade City fireworks. Chairman Page seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Gerrity stated he would be open to not charging Everglade City for fireworks inspections in the future. It would be a nice gesture on the part of the District.

H. Public Comments on items not listed on Agenda

George Danz thanked the Board for filling the empty seat on the 175 Pension Board.

I. Comments by Commissioners

- Commissioner Henning stated the Collier County Board is currently voting on a COVID-19 mask ordinance. There have been 170 speakers on the issue. Stay tuned and stay safe.
- Commissioner Gerrity gave an At-A-Boy to Chief Trent for a great job done in a recent dangerous house fire.
- Chairman Page reminded the Board the next meeting is Tuesday August 4, 2020.



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IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gerrity made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Henning seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned 6:20pm.

Duly passed with a vote of 5 to 0 and adopted in session on the 4th day August 2020.



Chairman Jeff Page



Commissioner Tom Henning



Commissioner Charles Cottiers

Commissioner David Stedman



Commissioner Kevin Gerrity

Approved verbally during BOFC meeting held on Zoom.