



**MINUTES**  
**GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**June 9, 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 June 9, 2020 via teleconference on Zoom.us. Present on line were Commissioners, Page, Cottiers, and Gerrity. Executive Staff on line: Fire Chief Schuldt, Director Bishop, Assistant Chiefs Hanson, Low, and Martin. Staff on line: Suanne Woeste, Nicole Chesser, Kevin Nelmes, and Todd Nugent. Public on line: George Danz. 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 May, bringing the total for 2020 to 37, followed by a moment of silence.

**C. Consent Agenda**

*Commissioner Gerrity moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Drug Free Workplace Policy 903.4
3. Disposition of Fixed Assets 20-005

**D. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**

*Commissioner Gerrity moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

**E. Approval of the GNFD Board Minutes for May 12, 2020**

*Commissioner Gerrity moved to approve the GNFD Board minutes as presented. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

**F. Fire Chief's Report**

Chief Schuldt presented report as submitted and added the following:

- Civilian and inspection staff returned to normal work schedules as of June 1. District facilities remain closed to the public as well as staff's limitation to attend most external meetings and events.
- To date more than 75 employees have been monitored with no long-term absences resulting from work related COVID-19 exposure.
- Staff is pushing for COVID-19 testing for all employee through Department of Health.
- The EMS "Swap" program may be reinstated in July; discussions with the County and EMS Chief Butcher continue to work out the modifications.
- On May 13<sup>th</sup> the District responded to a brush fire in the Golden Gate Community. The fire expanded to several hundred acres; numerous homes and outparcels were lost and the fire threatened hundreds more.
- The approximate cost to fight the wildfire is \$139,000. The District is eligible to receive 75% reimbursement cost from the state (\$105,000).



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- The Collier County Sheriff's Office requested the District provide fire rescue support to potential protesting and civil unrest occurring throughout the County. GNFD has provided a number of resources throughout the operational period in various capacities
- FLS successfully submitted a Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grant to secure funding to support the Annual Fire inspection program including the hiring of three additional Fire inspectors.
- Assistance to Firefighter supplemental grant (AFG) in the amount of \$18,000 was submitted; requesting reimbursement funding for PPE expenses associated with responses to COVID-19.

**G. Chapter 175 Firefighters' Pension Plan** - No written report provided.

- The Pension Plan audit has been completed.
- DROP paperwork has been released and moving forward.

**H. Local 2396 Report** - No written report provided.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. AIW- Squad 25**

- The District will joint occupy Fire EMS Station 25 in the summer of 2020.
- Engine 25 has been purchases with Impact fees for use at this station.
- The addition of a light-duty EMS Squad would facilitate flexible staffing options.
- Staff has been working on different staffing models.

Discussion continued in regards to purchasing Zoll Cardiac Monitor Defibrillators for Engine 25 and Squad 25 from Impact fees. Staff will put on Agenda for July's BOFC meeting.

*Commissioner Gerrity made a motion authorize up to \$110,000 from Impact Fee to purchase one new 2020 Ford F250 from Rev of Ocala, Florida for \$72,544.50 and piggyback the Sarasota County bid. And, authorize the Fire Chief to purchase the identified additional equipment for the vehicle from Impact Fees based on District purchasing policy. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motioned passed 3-0.*

**B. AIW – Mobil Light Tower Trailer**

*Commissioner Gerrity made a motion authorize up to \$25,000 for the Fire Chief to purchase two trailer mounted generators with light towers from impact fees according to District purchasing policy. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

**C. Public Comments items not listed on the Agenda**

None



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**D. Comments by Commissioners**

- Commissioner Cottiers thanked all for a good job and keeping everything under control the last 30 days.
- Commissioner Page – God Bless and stay well.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

*Commissioner Gerrity made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned 6:20pm.*

Duly passed with a vote of 5 to 0 and adopted in session on the 14<sup>th</sup> day July 2020.

  
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Chairman Jeff Page

  
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Commissioner Tom Henning

  
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Commissioner Charles Cottiers

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Commissioner David Stedman

  
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Commissioner Kevin Gerrity

**Approved verbally during BOFC meeting held on Zoom.**