



MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
February 9, 2021

I. MEETING OPENED

Chairman Gerrity called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 5:30 p.m., on February 9, 2021 at Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Duffy, Biondo, Cottiers, Stedman, and Gerrity. Executive Staff in attendance: Interim Fire Chief Sapp, Director Bishop, Assistant Chiefs Low, McLaughlin, and Martin. Staff in attendance: Nicole Chesser, Lyndsay Tomlinson, Jamie Popiol, Joey Brown, and Christian Tobin, Tim Sims, Emanuel Arroyo, Brian Hennessy, Scott Jacob, Brian Mading, Brian Heath, Justin Beasley, Jesus Padilla Public in attendance: George Danz.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Chairman Gerrity opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Stedman.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Treasurer Report

*Commissioner Stedman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed 5-0.*

C. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Commissioner Stedman requested to add Staffing and Location of Ladder 72 to New Business B.

Commissioner Cottiers moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Commissioner Stedman seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

D. Approval of the GNFD Board Minutes for January 12, 2021

*Commissioner Cottiers moved to approve the GNFD Board minutes as presented.
Commissioner Stedman seconded. Motion passed 5-0.*

E. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Sapp presented his report as submitted. Commissioner Gerrity requested a letter be drafted from the Board to BC Matt Trent to express gratitude for his contributions to the District.

F. Chapter 175 Firefighters' Pension Plan

Chairman Tim Sims gave a verbal report on the pension plan performance and provided a handout outlining the plan's performance as of December 31, 2020.

G. Local 2396 Report

President Joey Brown gave a verbal report noting that the Collective Bargaining Agreement passed a Union vote of 71-1.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Executive Session

*Commissioner Duffy made a motion to recess for the Executive Session at 5:47 p.m.
Stedman seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting reconvened at 6:17.*

B. Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement

Commissioner Stedman made a motion to approve the new Collective Bargaining Agreement. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed 5-0.



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C. Fire Chief Selection Committee Update

Commissioner Stedman was unable to attend the last meeting so Chief Sapp gave an update on selecting interview and essay questions for the next phase of the process.

D. District Property Contract/Financing- White Lake Property

There was discussion about future projections for impact fees. Commissioner Stedman requested Staff reach out to the County to join with them for an impact fee study. Commissioner Biondo requested Staff bring back recommendations for other District owned properties. *Commissioner Duffy made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract for the purchase of parcels 17 and 18 of White Lake Corporate Park for total acreage of 10.02 acres for a total of \$5,300,000 and authorize the District to release \$1000,000 for a down payment as due diligence takes place and authorize the Chairman to sign the commitment letter with First Horizon Bank to finance \$4,000,000 at 2.125% interest for 10 years. Commissioner Stedman seconded. Motion passed 4-1 (Biondo)*

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. MOU- Battalion Commander/Battalion Chief Positional Vacancies

Commissioner Duffy requested the timeline to fill the open position. Chief Sapp advised around March 1. *Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve the MOU- Battalion Commander/Battalion Chief Positional Vacancies. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed 5-0.*

B. Staffing and Location of Ladder 72

Commissioner Stedman expressed concern about the ladder truck driving down I-75. Chief Sapp shares the concern and is exploring options.

C. Public Comments items not listed on the Agenda

None

D. Comments by Commissioners

Commissioner Duffy expressed concern about the repairs needed for several District facilities. Chief McLaughlin gave a status update on facility repairs. It was requested that Staff bring recommendations to the next meeting. Commissioner Biondo asked for an update on training and requested 3 years of training records. He also requested the status of the Greater Naples Fire Foundation Sunshine Law report. Chief Sapp advised it is being sent to the Attorney General from the District attorney. Commissioners expressed the desire to keep meetings available to the public via Zoom. Staff was instructed to determine the cost to make this possible. Commissioner Biondo inquired about Commissioner discipline policies.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stedman made a motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed 5-0, meeting adjourned.

Duly passed with a vote of 5 to 0 and adopted in session on the 9th day March 2021.



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