



**MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 10, 2022**

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 May 10, 2022 at Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Duffy, Stedman, Biondo, Cottiers, and Gerrity. Staff in attendance: J. Nolan Sapp, Sal D' Angelo, Chris Wolfe, Nicole Chesser, Forrest Campbell, Janice Monteagudo, James West, Chris Diaz, Jamie Popiol, Shawn Hanson, Kristy Ivanisevic, and Jason Bright. Public in attendance: George Danz, Jerry Taricska, Debbie Schwarz, June Sapp, Ray Runt, Michael Ramsey and District Attorney Laura Donaldson. Others attended meeting but did not sign in.

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 Cottiers seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

C. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Chairman Gerrity added Baby Boxes to Old Business D.

Commissioner Duffy moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Stedman seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

D. Approval of the GNFD Board Minutes for April 12, 2022

Commissioner Duffy moved to approve the GNFD Board minutes for April 12, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

F. Fire Chief's District Report

1. Awards and Recognition

Fire Chief Sapp announced the service awards for May. Debbie Schwarz was recognized for her retirement.

2. Chief Sapp presented his report as submitted. Commissioner Cottiers requested the price of the last brush truck and water tender purchased.

3. Line of Duty Deaths Moment of Silence

Chief Sapp announced 9 firefighter line of duty deaths for the month of April.

G. Chapter 175 Firefighters' Pension Plan – Chairman Tim Sims

Chairman Sims reported the market is down 5.8% this quarter but still up for the fiscal year and five year-to-date. He reported they just had their Repeal and Revise Special Meeting and he encouraged Commissioners to attend the quarterly meeting on Thursday May 12. Commissioner Duffy asked for the threshold to get to 100% funding.

H. Local 2396 Report – President Chris Diaz

President Diaz reported they established the fitness committee, insurance committee, and re-established honor guard members.



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II. OLD BUSINESS

A. AIW-District Policies- Attorney Laura Donaldson

Laura Donaldson reported due to the length of the policies, she did not complete her review and asked for additional time.

Commissioner Stedman made a motion to support Staff and Legal Counsel's recommendation to extend the implementation date from May 31, 2022 to July 31, 2022. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

B. Commissioner Insurance Contribution- Commissioner Duffy

Commissioner Duffy requested clarification from the last meeting. Chairman Gerrity clarified that when the District merged, the East Naples policy was followed.

Commissioner Duffy made a motion to follow what staff and labor pays. Biondo seconded. Duffy amended motion to take the deduction out twice. The motion died for a lack of a second. Local 2396 President Diaz stated it would be prudent, as leaders for the commissioners to be paying the same amount as all employees. Chairman Gerrity made a motion that employees of the District including Commissioners not covered by the CBA pay the same rate that is called for in the CBA and the commissioners continue to pay one deduction a month because they are paid once a month. Stedman second. Commissioner Biondo spoke against the motion. Motion passed 3-2 (Biondo, Duffy)

C. Capital Funding Solutions- Commissioner Duffy

Commissioner Duffy requested additional discussion due to another Fire District having trouble with a bond issuance and recommended the topic be kept on the agenda every month. Chief Sapp reported on the meeting with the bond underwriter and advised he will keep the Board updated. Commissioner Duffy advised that he and Staff will be giving County Commissioner LoCastro a tour of some of the fire stations and will be meeting with Everglades City and Rookery Bay.

D. Baby Box- Chairman Gerrity

Jerry Taricska addressed the Board to answer questions from last month's meeting. He provided additional statistics and stated his organization will pay for the extra liability insurance. Commissioner Duffy requested clarification regarding how many are in fire rescue or EMS facilities.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. AIW- Impact Fee Study- Deputy Chief D'Angelo

Deputy Chief D'Angelo presented information in AIW. Commissioner Stedman pointed out the District doesn't have to follow the consultant's impact fee study report. Chief D'Angelo provided statutes on increasing impact fees. Commissioner Stedman asked for the fiscal impact to the District. Chief D'Angelo stated it would be \$32,000-36,000.

Commissioner Stedman moved to approve hiring an outside consulting firm to update the District's 2006 Impact Fee rates, and 2015 Draft Fire Impact Fee Update Study.



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Commissioner Biondo seconded. Attorney Donaldson reviewed the benefits of having a study done. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

B. Public Input for Issues Not Listed on the Published Agenda

None

C. Comments by Commissioners

None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stedman made a motion to adjourn at 6:31p.m. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0, meeting adjourned.

Duly passed with a vote of _____ to _____ and adopted in session on the 14th day June, 2022.

Chairman Kevin Gerrity

Commissioner Al Duffy

Commissioner Charles Cottiers

Commissioner David Stedman

Commissioner Nick Biondo



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Duly passed with a vote of 4 to 0 and adopted in session on the 14th day June, 2022.



Chairman Kevin Gerrity



Commissioner Al Duffy



Commissioner Charles Cottiers

Absent

Commissioner David Stedman



Commissioner Nick Biondo