



MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
June 14, 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 June 14, 2022 at Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Duffy, Biondo, Cottiers, and Gerrity (Stedman absent). Staff in attendance: J. Nolan Sapp, Sal D' Angelo, Chris Wolfe, Nicole Chesser (via Zoom), Forrest Campbell, Janice Monteagudo, James West, Chris Diaz, Andy Krajewski, Kristy Ivanisevic, Jamie Popiol and Scott Hogan. Public in attendance: George Danz, June Sapp, Rey Velazquez, Bruce Gastineau, Crystal Kinzel, Dave Batiato, Wayne Fyffe, Mark Cherney, and Jerry Taricska. Attorney Laura Donaldson was in attendance via Zoom. 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.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Treasurer Report
2. Disposition of Fixed Assets 22-005

Commissioner Duffy moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Biondo requested to move item B-3 to New Business - D. Commissioner Duffy moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

C. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Commissioner Duffy moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of the GNFD Board Minutes for May 10, 2022

Commissioner Cottiers moved to approve the GNFD Board minutes for May 10, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

F. Fire Chief's District Report

1. Awards and Recognition

Fire Chief Sapp announced service awards for the month of June and pinned new Driver Engineer, Daniel Wilcox. Fire Chief Sapp announced the retirement of Marty Good and Dave Batiato (Marco Island Fire Dept.). Fire Chief Sapp announced the "You Are Our Hero Award" to civilian Travis Waters. Fire Chief Sapp announced the new addition to the District Debra Pittman as our HR Specialist – Benefits Coordinator.

2. Fire Chief Sapp presented his report as submitted.

Fire Chief Sapp informed the board that E-One wants a decision if the District is keeping the five leased vehicles by the next board meeting. Deputy Chief D' Angelo came forward and thanked Chief Sapp for hiring him on board and Deputy Chief D' Angelo announced his retirement effective October 2022.

3. Line of Duty Deaths Moment of Silence

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



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4. Commissioner Cottiers inquired if there was an update on the City Gate Property Grants that the District has applied for. Fire Chief Sapp announced there is no update as of yet. Commissioner Cottiers asked about the size of the Lake Park Blvd. Property that the District purchased. Chief Sapp stated the Lake Park Blvd. property is 8 acres.

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

175 Pension Plan Board Member Scott Hogan spoke on behalf of Chairman Tim Sims and stated there was no report and informed the Board of Commissioners that the next scheduled meeting is August 11th.

H. Local 2396 Report – President Chris Diaz

President Chris Diaz reported working with the District on promotional testing and stated the union is assisting the 175 Pension Board with their proposal.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Capital Funding Solutions – Commissioner Duffy

Commissioner Duffy stated he toured Stations 21, 23, 90 and Fleet with Commissioner LoCastro to show him the conditions of the buildings. Commissioner Duffy reported that Commissioner LoCastro was very supportive and shocked with the conditions. Attorney Laura Donaldson reported the District is waiting on the information from the bond underwriter and there will be more information next month.

B. AIW – ALS Agreement – Fire Chief Sapp

Fire Chief Sapp announced that Laura Donaldson, Chief Sapp, Chief Butcher, and Command Staff created an Interlocal Agreement to go in front of the board. Fire Chief Sapp stated its important to have a complete document for the EMA meeting in July. *Commissioner Duffy moved to support Staff's recommendation to approve the Advance Life Support (ALS) Agreement with Collier County EMS as presented. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.*

Commissioner Gerrity stated that the county needs to sign off on the ALS Agreement and the County is putting civilians lives at risk, Commissioners Biondo and Duffy agreed to this statement.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Role of the Clerk of Courts – Clerk of the Circuit Court Crystal Kinzel

Crystal Kinzel came before the Board of Commissioners and the public and discussed the role of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Crystal Kinzel provided information on the Collier County Clerk of Courts website and all of its functions.

B. AIW – Water Tender Purchase – Deputy Chief Wolfe

Deputy Chief Wolfe reviewed the AIW – Water Tender packet provided for Station 74. *Commissioner Duffy moved to approve purchasing One (1) Fouts Brothers/Kenworth Tender from South Florida Emergency Vehicles (SFEV) for an amount to not exceed Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand (\$375,000). Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.*



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C. FY 2022/2023 Budget – Chairman Gerrity

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Chairman Gerrity moved to approve that 100 % of the increase in ad valorem funds for 2022-2023 go to capital improvements for the fire stations. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Fire Chief Sapp made a suggestion to wait until next board meeting with the attendance of Finance Manager, James West to review the finances for the station improvements. Chairman Gerrity pulled his motion.

D. Glatfelter Claim #FLTR21120370-00001

Commissioner Biondo inquired that the funds from the Glatfelter Claim does not come out of the District’s budget. Attorney Rey Velazquez stated that the claim amount is being paid by Glatfelter. Commissioner Biondo asked to verify the insurance company made the decision for settlement and the District did not have a decision. Attorney Rey Velazquez stated that the insurance company made the decision for the settlement. Commissioner Cottiers wanted to make sure that the ex-employee is unable to apply for a position. Attorney Rey Velazquez stated that the ex-employee is unable to apply/work for the District.

Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve the settlement agreement Glatfelter Claim #FLTR21120370-00001 and authorize the Chairman to execute the document. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 3-1 (Biondo)

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

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F. Comments by Commissioners

Chairman Gerrity stated the November board meeting is interfering with election day. *Commissioner Duffy made a motion to move the November 8, 2022 Board of Commissioner Meeting to November 1, 2022. Commissioner Biondo Seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.*

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Duffy made a motion to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0, meeting adjourned.

Duly passed with a vote of _____ to _____ and adopted in session on the 12th day July, 2022.



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