



**MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
August 9, 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 August 9, 2022 at Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Duffy, Biondo, Cottiers, Stedman and Gerrity. Staff in attendance: J. Nolan Sapp, Chris Wolfe, Nicole Chesser, James West, Chris Diaz, Andy Krajewski, Alan McLaughlin (Via Zoom), Kristy Ivanisevic, Jamie Popiol, Scott Hogan, Janice Monteagudo, and Attorney Laura Donaldson (Via Zoom). Public in attendance: Patrick Dearborn, George Danz and Wayne Martin. 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
2. Disposition of Fixed Assets

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

C. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

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

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

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

E. Fire Chief's District Report

1. Fire Chief Sapp presented his report as submitted and announced the service award for the month of July.
2. Line of Duty Deaths Moment of Silence
Fire Chief Sapp announced 7 firefighter line of duty deaths for the month of July.

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

Chairman Tim Sims stated the pension plan is down this quarter, but up 30-years.

1. Reappoint Seat 2 District Resident Trustee G. Randall Ward

Commissioner Stedman moved to approve the reappointment of Seat 2 District Resident Trustee G. Randall Ward. Cottiers seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

G. Local 2396 Report – President Chris Diaz

President Chris Diaz announced the District is scheduling the mediation dates for the two grievances.



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II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Capital Funding Solutions – Commissioner Duffy

Commissioner Duffy stated the District needs to be cautious with moving forward with bonds and loans; making sure the District has funds to pay for them. Chairman Gerrity stated the only way to be able to afford a loan or bond is to cut operating expenses.

B. AIW – District Policies – Attorney Laura Donaldson

Attorney Laura Donaldson presented documents as submitted.

Commissioner Cottiers moved to approve Staff and Legal Counsel's recommendations and approve:

Policy #802 Patient Medical Record Security and Privacy

Policy #800 Public Records

Policy #1013 Outside Employment

Commissioner Stedman seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Attorney Donaldson stated these policies reviewed will be completed next month.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fire Chief's Contract – Commissioner Duffy

Commissioner Duffy stated the Fire Chief should have an eight percent increase to be comparable to other Fire Chiefs within the State of Florida.

Commissioner Duffy moved to approve the eight percent increase for Fire Chief J. Nolan Sapp for Fiscal Year 2023. Commissioner Biondo seconded for discussion. The Board discussed the Fire Chief's promotional salary increase and the Fire Chief having an increase as the rest of the staff has had the last two years. Motion failed 2-3. (Gerrity, Cottiers, Biondo)

Commissioner Biondo moved to approve a four percent raise for the Fire Chief this year. Commissioner Stedman seconded. Motion passes 3-2. (Cottiers, Gerrity)

B. WSA Land Development Proposal – Commissioner Duffy

Cal Montenegro stated he owns 30 acres of land on Immokalee Rd. and would like to donate land to build a Fire Department. Fire Chief Sapp stated this deal is contingent on North Collier Fire Department selling their eight acres of land that is in Greater Naples District's boundaries. Fire Chief Sapp talked about having a joint facility with North Collier Fire District to help reduce response times.

C. CERT Recognition – Commissioner Duffy

Barry Gerenstein from Verona Walk stated that County Commissioner LoCastro sent out a newsletter where he talks about the horrible conditions of some of the stations. County Commissioner LoCastro received hundreds of emails and phone calls showing support in helping fix Greater Naples Fire stations. There was discussion regarding CERT recognition and for the District to reach out to County Commissioner LoCastro to have the CERT team recognized. Fire Chief Sapp recognized Barry Gerenstein for his hard work he does for the County with his CERT team.

D. AIW – Records Management Software – Deputy Chief Wolfe



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Deputy Chief Wolfe presented the AIW as submitted.
Commissioner Stedman moved to approve the execution of the sales quote dated August 4, 2022 from EPR Systems for the amount of \$83,311.00 and authorize Fire Chief to sign necessary documents. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

E. Public Input for Issues Not Listed on the Published Agenda
No comments

F. Comments by Commissioners

Commissioner Stedman discussed his frustrations with the public making comments regarding the District without having the proper information. Fire Chief Sapp informed the Board of the Memorial services for retired Engineer Mike Reeve. Fire Chief Sapp announced that on September 11, 2022 the District will participate in the Golden Gate Ceremony at 9:30 AM and the District will participate in a 9/11 recognition in Verona Walk with Barry Gerenstein.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stedman made a motion to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0, meeting adjourned.

Duly passed with a vote of _____ to _____ and adopted in session on the 13th day September, 2022.

Chairman Kevin Gerrity

Commissioner Al Duffy

Commissioner Charles Cottiers

Commissioner David Stedman

Commissioner Nick Biondo



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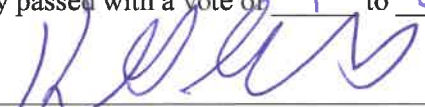
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Chairman Kevin Gerrity

Absent

Commissioner Al Duffy



Commissioner Charles Cottiers



Commissioner David Stedman



Commissioner Nick Biondo