



**FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**  
**GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**February 14, 2023**

**I. MEETING OPENED**

Chairman Duffy called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 9:00 a.m., on February 14, 2023, at Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Duffy, Biondo, Cross (arrived at 9:16), Cherney, and Dearborn.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

**B. Consent Agenda**

1. Treasurer Report

*Commissioner Cherney moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.  
Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.*

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

Chairman Duffy requested to add insurance for former Commissioner Boyer to item III. D. and Commissioner Biondo requested to add Caymas secondary entry on 951 to item III. E. *Commissioner Biondo moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.*

**D. Approval of the GNFD Board Minutes January 10, 2023**

*Commissioner Biondo moved to approve the GNFD Board Minutes January 10, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.*  
The Board agreed to move the Approval of Minutes to the Consent Agenda for future meetings.

**E. Fire Chief's District Report**

1. Chairman Duffy congratulated Chief Sapp on the East Naples Civics Association Civilian of the Year Award.
2. Fire Chief Sapp announced the service awards for the month of January and the "You are Our Hero" Award.
3. Fire Chief Sapp presented the report as submitted.
4. Fire Chief Sapp announced 5 firefighter line-of-duty deaths for the month of January.

There was discussion on adding the Deputy Chief position back to the budget. The Board agreed to have an appraiser reevaluate boat 90. There was also a discussion on the need for a grant writer.

*Commissioner Dearborn moved to approve the District sending a letter of intent to E-One for the E-One ladder truck with the stipulation that we have the right to cancel with no penalty. Seconded by Commissioner Biondo. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

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

Chairman Tim Sims stated the first quarter is up 4.8% and the market is slowly increasing.

**G. Local 2396 Report – President Chris Diaz**

President Chris Diaz stated negotiations have started and some items will take time to bring back for discussion. President Chris Diaz discussed moving back into Station 23, and some logistical issues which will be completed soon.



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**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Ochopee Interlocal Agreement – Fire Chief Sapp**

There was discussion regarding the Ochopee meeting. The Board directed Staff to write a letter of intent to the County for Ochopee to make the District whole and the District will agree to expand the boundaries as long as the District is no longer in a deficit. The Board directed the District's attorney to begin drafting the language to have the proper legislative language in the agreement.

**B. Battalion Chief Overtime Grievance - Fire Chief Sapp**

Fire Chief Sapp stated after speaking with the labor legal counsel that no grievance exists.

**C. AIW- Glatfelter Claim No. FLTR21100108 Settlement- Fire Chief Sapp**

*Commissioner Cross approved the amended Settlement Agreement for Glatfelter Claim #FLTR21100108 and authorize the Chairman to execute the documents. Seconded by Commissioner Biondo. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. AIW- Resolution #2023-01 MARC 6 Grant and Delegation – Finance Manager James West**

Finance Manager James West presented documents as submitted.

*Commissioner Cherney moved to approve Resolution 2023-01 providing authorization for the acceptance of the Region 6 Mutual Aid Radio Communications Cache and authorize said District Command/Executive Officers to execute all documents related to the HSGP grants. Commissioner Cross seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0. (Biondo absent for vote)*

**B. Resolution #2023-02 Chapter 175 Pension Plan Multiplier and Contribution Amendments- Chairman Tim Sims**

Chairman Tim Sims presented Resolution #2023-02 as submitted. There was discussion on the financial impact to the District.

*Commissioner Cross approved Resolution 2023-02. Commissioner Dearborn Seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

**C. AIW- Station 23 Exterior Exit Stairs- Assistant Chief McLaughlin**

*Commissioner Cross approved to award Paradise Welding with the construction bid for \$31,962. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

**D. Insurance – Robert Boyer**

Robert Boyer (former Fire Commissioner) requested for clarification regarding his retirement benefits.

*Commissioner Cross motioned to honor the policy that was sun-setted to award Mr. Boyer his post-employment retirement under the old East-Naples plan. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

**E. Caymas Secondary Entry on 951 – Commissioner Biondo**

Commissioner Biondo requested to add Caymas secondary entry to next Agenda.



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**D. Public Input for Issues Not Listed on the Published Agenda**

No public input

**E. Comments by Commissioners**

The Board discussed the Commissioner retirement benefits.

Commissioner Cherney requested to add Commissioners Retirement Benefits to next months' agenda. Commissioner Biondo requested the entire Board agree to give Staff direction rather than one Commissioner giving Staff direction. Commissioner Duffy requested to add High-Rise Building Plans to next months' agenda.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

*Commissioner Dearborn made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0, meeting adjourned.*