



FINAL APPROVED MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
August 8, 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 August 8, 2023, at the Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Duffy, Biondo, Cherney, and Dearborn. (Cross absent)

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

B. Consent Agenda

1. Treasurer Report
2. GNFD Board Minutes July 11, 2023
3. GNFD Workshop Minutes July 11, 2023
4. GNFD Special Board Minutes July 24, 2023

Commissioner Biondo 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 the audit be presented before the Fire Chief's Report and requested to pull item III. E from the Agenda, per Staff's request. Attorney Donaldson requested the Closed-Door session on the Martin/Bishop Lawsuit at 9:30 AM.

Commissioner Biondo moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

D. Fire Chief's District Report

1. Fire Chief Sapp recognized Chaplain Jack Strom for his service and welcomed David Wildman as Chaplain for the District.
2. Fire Chief Sapp presented the badge pinning for the month of July.
3. Fire Chief Sapp presented the Fire Chief's Report as submitted and announced 7 firefighter line-of-duty deaths for the month of July.

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

Chairman Tim Sims stated the Pension Plan is up 2.4% for the quarter.

F. Local 2396 Report – President Chris Diaz

No Report

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. AIW-FY 22-23 Amended Budget- Finance Manager James West

Finance Manager James West presented the Amended Budget as submitted.

Commissioner Cherney moved to approve the FY22-23 Amended Budget in the amount of \$58,439,851 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Dearborn. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

B. AIW-Fleet Security- Assistant Chief McLaughlin

Assistant Chief McLaughlin presented the AIW as submitted.

Commissioner Cherney moved to approve the recommended bid to fence fleet, for discussion. Seconded by Commissioner Dearborn. Motion failed 1-3. (Cherney, Dearborn, Biondo)



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C. Grant Writing- Fire Chief Sapp

Fire Chief Sapp informed the Board of the potential grant writers. Shanti Smith presented her proposal from iParametrics as submitted. Discussion ensued. The Board directed for Staff to continue their search for Grant writers.

Commissioner Dearborn moved to approve that Greater Naples Fire contract with iParametrics effective immediately to start working on getting those bids. Seconded by Commissioner Cherney. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Closed-Door Attorney-Client Session on Martin/Bishop Lawsuit- Time Certain 9:30 AM
Meeting Resumed at 10:28; Attorney Donaldson is seeking to schedule another attorney-client meeting.

B. AIW- FY21-22 Audit Presentation- David Caplivski, Grau & Associates

David Caplivski with Grau & Associates presented the FY21-22 Audit as submitted.

Commissioner Cherney moved to accept the Greater Naples Fire District financial report for fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 into the official record, presented by Grau & Associates. Seconded by Commissioner Biondo. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

C. Boat 90 Assessment- Division Chief Morris

Division Chief Morris presented the Boat 90 assessment as submitted. The Board directed Staff to have three boat options by the next Board meeting in order to add into our budget for the next fiscal year. Commissioner Cherney stated Coastal Zone Management may be interested in purchasing the boat.

D. Mile Marker 63- Fire Chief Sapp

Fire Chief Sapp recommends the District employ a lobbyist in order to change the statutory language for Station 63.

Commissioner Dearborn moved to approve the District to request support from the legislative delegation at the September 11th meeting or by some chance dates change; to support change of section 338.26. Seconded by Commissioner Biondo. Motion passed 4-0.

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

No public comments

F. Comments by Commissioners

Commissioner Biondo reminded the Board the purpose of the Budget meetings.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dearborn made a motion to adjourn at 11:42 a.m. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Meeting adjourned.