



**FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**  
**GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**October 10, 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 October 10, 2023, at the Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Cherney, Cross, and Duffy. (Biondo and Dearborn absent)

**A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

**B. Consent Agenda**

1. Treasurer's Report
2. GNFD Board Minutes September 12, 2023
3. GNFD Tentative Budget Hearing Minutes September 12, 2023
4. GNFD Final Public Budget Hearing Minutes September 26, 2023
5. Disposition of Fixed Assets #24-001

*Commissioner Cross moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.*

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

Fire Chief Sapp requested the Executive Session be canceled due to the commissioner's absences. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.*

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

1. Fire Chief Sapp recognized the service award for the month of September and announced BC Nelson will be recognized for 30 years in November.
2. Fire Chief Sapp presented the Fire Chief's Report as submitted and announced 3 firefighter line-of-duty deaths for the month of September.

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

Chairman Tim Sims did not have a financial report due to the end of the quarter and reviewed the address coding process for the plan.

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

President Chris Diaz (appearing by Zoom) advised the Board that post-retirement health insurance is very important to Local 2396 and hopes it will be discussed in the next executive session.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Boat 90 Update- Division Chief Morris**

In Division Chief Morris' absence, Fire Chief Sapp reported that site visits are scheduled with five other agencies. There was discussion regarding acquiring a similar vessel to replace Boat 60.

**B. Resolution 2023-06 Chapter 175 Firefighters' Pension Plan Amendment- Chairman Sims**

Attorney Donaldson gave her opinion on the fiscal impact on the District. *Commissioner Cross moved to table the resolution until Attorney Donaldson gets a chance to review it. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.*



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**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. AIW- State of Emergency- Fire Chief Sapp**

*Commissioner Cherney moved to declare the end of the state of emergency for Hurricane Idalia. Commissioner Cross seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.*

**B. AIW- Resolution #2023-13 Fire and Life Safety Fee Schedule- Deputy Chief Wolfe**

*Commissioner Cross moved to support staff's recommendation by approving Resolution 2023-13; GNFD Fire & Life Safety Fees Schedule effective January 1, 2024, and further promote fire and life safety compliance in existing buildings by rolling the initial inspection fee into the 2nd re-inspection fee for existing occupancies that have not had an inspection in the previous three (3) years from the January 1, 2024 effective date. Commissioner Cherney Seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.*

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

Todd Eschmann (a Royal Palm resident appearing by Zoom) expressed concern for the ISO rating in his neighborhood and spoke in support of increased funding for the District.

**D. Comments by Commissioners**

Commissioner Cross questioned if the District was paying for upgraded internet at Station 25 and requested an update on grants. Commissioner Cherney requested the effect of the lift assist fee on call volume and reported working with Senator Scott's office to see if we can get fire trucks exempt from DEF.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

*Commissioner Cross made a motion to adjourn at 10:44 a.m. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Meeting adjourned.*