



FINAL APPROVED MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
August 14, 2024

I. MEETING OPENED

Chairman Biondo 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 14, 2024, at the Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Biondo, Cherney, Cross, Dearborn and Duffy.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

B. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

C. Awards & Recognition- Interim Fire Chief Wolfe

Interim Fire Chief Wolfe presented the Awards and Recognition as submitted.

D. Consent Agenda

1. GNFD Board Minutes July 10, 2024
2. GNFD Budget Workshop Minutes July 10, 2024
3. GNFD Special Meeting Board Minutes August 1, 2024

Commissioner Duffy moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

E. Treasurer's Report

Chief of Staff Chesser presented the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Commissioner Cherney moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0 (Cross not present during vote).

F. Fire Chief's District Report

1. Fire Chief Wolfe presented the Fire Chief's Report as submitted.
2. Commissioner Cherney requested a breakdown of the insurance increases.
3. There was discussion on Ladder 21's repairs.
4. There was discussion regarding having a collections agency. The Board requested Assistant Chief Hanson bring data next month regarding the outstanding Fire and Life Safety fees.

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

Chairman Sims reported the plan is up 14.5 %. Chairman Sims stated the Pension Plan approved an updated summary plan description at the recent quarterly meeting. There was discussion regarding the pre-paid contributions that the District can use.

H. Local 2396 Report – President Justin Humphrey

President Humphrey stated that there is one grievance being brought to the Board. President Humphrey reported that Lieutenant testing is finishing up and the District should see a better control of overtime within the next six to eight months.



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II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Yacono HMGP Project- Deputy Chief Bauer

There was discussion regarding the County not wanting to take the Yacono project over. The Board agreed to submit a letter of support in order to receive a contract from FEMA. Attorney Donaldson will review the contract to ensure there is no financial impact on the District.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. AIW- Districtwide Election Seats- Fire Chief Wolfe

Fire Chief Wolfe presented the AIW as submitted.

Commissioner Cross moved to approve to make all five seats District-wide. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

B. AIW- Grievance- Lt. David Borowski

Fire Chief Wolfe presented the AIW as submitted. Lt. Borowski presented supporting documentation, discussion ensued. Attorney Donaldson advised the Board to make a decision based on the grievance.

Commissioner Cross moved to disapprove the grievance. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

C. AIW- Tablet Command Interlocal Agreement Amendment- Fire Chief Wolfe

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the Interlocal Tablet Command Agreement.

Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

D. Sunny Grove Rd. – Commissioner Duffy

Chairman Biondo requested any additions to the Agenda be requested under Comments by Commissioners. Commissioner Duffy stated that Sunny Grove area is not passable by emergency vehicles and citizens are requesting the District send the County a letter regarding the issue.

Commissioner Cross moved to have Staff draft a letter of support for the County to repair private roads that impact emergency response. Commissioner Cross withdrew his motion.

Wayne Martin stated he believes the County has a special taxing District to maintain private roads. The Board supported sending the County a letter to address the private roads.

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

George Danz had discussion regarding District seats.

F. Comments by Commissioners

Commissioner Cross discussed employing a fulltime grant writer; Staff will look into grant writer options and give a report next month. Fire Chief Wolfe reminded the Board the next meeting is September 12, 2024. Commissioner Duffy announced the passing of retired Driver Engineer Brain Beauvais.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cross made a motion to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. Meeting adjourned.