



FINAL MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 13, 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 November 13, 2024, at the Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Biondo, Cherney, Cross and Duffy. (Dearborn joined via Zoom during Item I. F.)

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

B. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Fire Chief Wolfe requested to pull item III. H. Post Retirement Health Benefits from the agenda. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.*

C. Awards & Recognition- Fire Chief Wolfe

Fire Chief Wolfe announced the service awards for October and November.

D. Consent Agenda

1. GNFD Board Minutes September 12, 2024
2. GNFD Budget Tentative Hearing Minutes September 12, 2024
3. GNFD Budget Final Hearing Minutes September 26, 2024
4. GNFD Special Meeting September 26, 2024

Commissioner Duffy moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Cross seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

E. Treasurer's Report

Finance Director Newman presented the Treasurer's Reports for October and November as submitted.

Commissioner Cherney moved to approve the Treasurer's Reports as presented. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

F. Fire Chief's District Report

1. Fire Chief Wolfe presented the Fire Chief's Reports for October and November as submitted.
2. The Board supports the Fire Chief bringing recommendations for comparables to conduct a salary analysis.
3. Commissioner Cross requested an update on grants and the need for additional staffing.
4. Commissioner Duffy requested information on the status of Station 60.
5. Chief Wolfe provided explanation of the Post Retirement Health Benefits Policy and stated it will be placed on the December agenda. The Board expressed that they do not want the delay to affect upcoming retirements.

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

Chairman Sims gave an update on the plan and announced the next meeting is November 14. Chairman Biondo thanked Chairman Sims for all he does for the pension plan.

H. Local 2396 Report – President Justin Humphrey

Vaughn Palmateer reported the Union did not have anything to report.



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II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Grant Update- Deputy Chief Bauer

Deputy Chief Bauer provided an update on the status of District grants to include: 1.) The District did not get awarded the AFG or SAFER grants. 2.) The District has received funds for the Station 21 generator and COVID grants 3.) The District will be receiving 80% of the funding for Water Tender 71 4.) The District was awarded the HMGP grant; however, the subrecipient agreement has not yet been received. 5.) There has been no response on the Yocano grant.

B. MM63 Amended Agreement- Laura Donaldson

Laura presented the Amendment to the Mile Marker 63 agreement to increase funding to \$2M for this fiscal year and remove the cap. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve the amendment as submitted. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. AIW- Resolution 2024-20 State of Emergency TS Helene Ratification- Fire Chief Wolfe

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the resolution as written [to adopt Resolution 2024-20 and declare the end of the state of emergency for Hurricane Helene effective October 9, 2024]. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

B. AIW-Resolution 2024-21 State of Emergency Hurricane Milton- Fire Chief Wolfe

Commissioner Cross moved to approve as submitted [to adopt Resolution 2024.21 and declare the end of the state of emergency for Hurricane Milton effective November 13, 2024]. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

C. AIW-FY 23-24 Amended Budget- Finance Director Newman

Finance Director Newman presented the FY 23-24 amended budget as submitted. *Commissioner Cherney moved to approve the FY 23-24 Amended Budget in the amount of \$59,913,168 as presented. Commissioner Cross seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

D. AIW- Water Tender 71 Purchase- Fire Chief Wolfe

Fire Chief Wolfe presented the AIW as submitted. Chairman Biondo requested Chief Wolfe pass along gratitude for the relationship with the Land Trust. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve [purchasing one (1) Fouts Brothers/Kenworth Tender from South Florida Emergency Vehicles for an amount not to exceed \$499,715 in concert with the NPPP bid]. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

E. AIW-Procurement Policy and Handbook- Deputy Chief Bauer

Fire Chief Bauer presented the AIW as submitted. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve the procurement policy as submitted. Commissioner Duffy seconded. The motion was amended to include the change to not designate a singular name for Public Records Custodian. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

F. AIW- Retirement Contributions- Fire Chief Wolfe

Fire Chief Wolfe presented the AIW as submitted. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve the 401a to match FRS as it increases in time. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. Wayne Martin requested*



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clarification of the fiscal impact. Tim Sims clarified the health insurance subsidy for the 175 plan is \$7.50.

G. AIW- iParametrics Extension- Deputy Chief Bauer

Deputy Chief Bauer presented the AIW as submitted.

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the extension [of the iParametrics contract for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Application for a total not to exceed \$5,504.73]. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

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

None

I. Comments by Commissioners

Commissioner Cross initiated the discussion of consolidation of Fire Districts. North Collier Fire Commissioner Crossan provided input. Connie Bettinger suggested the Commissioners look at other agencies that have merged and questioned whether it only looks good on paper. The Board agreed to send an invitation to North Collier Fire for a joint meeting to discuss further. Chairman Biondo wanted to ensure the districtwide election seat issue is being pursued. Chairman Biondo also brought up changing the land development code and the Board agreed to send a letter to the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Dearborn signed off Zoom at 10:24 a.m.

Chairman Biondo addressed the Commissioner Board Meeting Attendance and Payment Policy and requested it be amended to clarify if two meetings are missed in one day, it counts as one meeting. Chief Wolfe advised an amended draft policy will be presented next month.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cross made a motion to adjourn at 10:28 a.m. The motion was seconded. The meeting was adjourned.