



APPROVED MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JUNE 11, 2025

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 June 11, 2025, 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

Deputy Chief Diaz was added as the presenter for Agenda Item III. C. Grievance. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

C. Awards & Recognition- Fire Chief Wolfe

1. Fire Chief Wolfe announced the service award for May.

D. Consent Agenda

1. GNFD Board Minutes May 14, 2025

2. Tri-Board Minutes May 28, 2025

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

E. Treasurer's Report- Finance Director Newman

Finance Director Newman presented the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Commissioner Cherney suggested moving excess revenue to a reserve account that has better interest rates. *Commissioner Cross moved to direct the additional surplus of revenue of \$1.17 million to be transferred to the higher interest-bearing reserve account. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. Commissioner Cherney moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

F. Fire Chief's District Report- Fire Chief Wolfe

Fire Chief Wolfe presented the Fire Chief's Report as submitted. He confirmed with the Board that check signing can be designated to the Acting Fire Chief during the Fire Chief's absence. He also notified the board his annual evaluation is to be done in September in advance of the adoption of the budget and requested goals and objectives be set for next year.

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

Chairman Sims reported the actuarial study requested by the District is to be discussed at budget workshop and noted he will not be here in July.

H. Local 2396 Report – President Justin Humphrey

No report

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Grant Update- Deputy Chief Bauer

Deputy Chief Bauer gave an update on District grants and the Yacono grant. Commissioner Dearborn requested an update on the radio agenda item for the County Board meeting.



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III. NEW BUSINESS

A. AIW- FY 23-24 Audit Presentation- Tony Grau, Grau & Associates

Tony Grau presented the FY 23-24 Audit via Zoom. There was clarification that the District was reimbursed for Ochopee expenses. *Commissioner Cross moved to accept the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2024 into official record as presented by Grau & Associates. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

B. AIW- FY 25-26 Budget Meeting Schedule- Finance Director Newman

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the recommended budget meeting schedule. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

C. Grievance- Deputy Chief Diaz

Deputy Chief Diaz presented the grievance to Commissioners. *Commissioner Cherney moved to support the Chief's decision and deny the grievance. Dearborn seconded.* FF Wilkie clarified he is requesting reinstatement of his acting status rather than contesting the grievance. There was discussion on the issues surrounding not being able to have the mediation step. David Borowski clarified that it is in the Board's purview to render a decision during this step in the grievance process. *Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

D. AIW- Station 71 Fire Pump Replacement- Deputy Chief Bauer

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the expenditure of \$96,200 from Marco Fire Protection, the proposal for AIW 3. D. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Commissioner Cross amended the motion to approve the purchase of this pump if the Chief cannot work out another alternative source for water by tying into the municipal system and give the Chief that discretion. Chairman Biondo seconded the amended motion. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

E. AIW- Boat 90 Repair- Deputy Chief Bauer

Deputy Chief Bauer presented the AIW as presented. Commissioner Cross moved to approve option 3 to purchase the factory-certified pre-owned motor for \$38,716. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Commissioner Cherney raised concerns about what was presented by Staff. Commissioner Cross withdrew the motion. Commissioner Duffy withdrew the second. The Commissioners expressed the desire to have additional quotes on a new pair or a used single 350. There will be an update at the July Board meeting.

F. Tri-Board Meeting Follow-Up- Fire Chief Wolfe

The Board appointed Commissioner Duffy as the GNFD representative for further tri-board discussions. Commissioner Dearborn was appointed as an alternate.

G. Public Input Not Listed on the Published Agenda

An Ochopee resident, Russell Kish, addressed the Board with questions regarding local millage rates.

H. Comments by Commissioners

Commissioner Cherney raised concerns about FEMA disbanding after the current hurricane season and the implications for mutual aid. Commissioner Dearborn noted FEMA's restructuring is aimed at reducing fraud and abuse. Commissioner Duffy disclosed his plans to take part in a



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meeting with Rookery Bay with the Chief to discuss Station 23 next Friday June 20. Chairman Biondo recognized the crew that ran a call for his wife.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cross moved to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.