



DRAFT MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
February 20, 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 February 20, 2024, at the Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Biondo, Cherney, Cherney, Duffy, Cross (Zoom), and Dearborn (appeared through Zoom during I.D.).

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

B. Consent Agenda

1. Treasurer Report
2. GNFD Workshop Minutes January 10, 2024
3. GNFD Board Minutes January 16, 2024

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

C. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Commissioner Duffy requested awards and recognitions be presented before the Chief's Report. *Commissioner Duffy moved to approve the Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.*

D. Fire Chief's District Report

1. Fire Chief Sapp recognized the service awards, badge pinning's, promotions, and retirements for the month of January.
2. Fire Chief Sapp presented the Fire Chief's Report as submitted and announced 8 firefighter line-of-duty deaths for the month of January.

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

Chairman Tim Sims reported 4th quarter is up around \$4 million.

F. Local 2396 Report – President Justin Humphrey

President Justin Humphrey reported negotiations are going well and will benefit the members and the District. There was discussion if the Union could be present for the Executive Session.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Boat 90 Update- Lt. Brad Buczko

MERT team coordinator, LT Brad Buczko reported the needs of a new boat for Boat 90 and stated most vessels are pre-fabricated with the enclosed cab. Fire Chief Sapp stated the enclosed cab is vital for rescue missions. Fire Chief Sapp suggested the Board request a trade in value for Boat 90. LT Buczko stated there are others in the area looking for a used fire boat. The Board directed staff to put out a bid package with a trade in option. Assistant Chief Campbell stated the need for a boat, and the District cannot be without a boat for an extended amount of time.

B. AIW-Future Direction of the District and Strategic Plan- Chairman Duffy

Finance Director James West presented the AIW as submitted. Fire Chief Sapp stated it's important to move forward with a capital improvement plan. Discussion ensued.



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Commissioner Cherney moved to move forward with .5 millage increase to go before the voters with a sunset in 8 years. Seconded by Commissioner Duffy. Commissioner Cherney withdrew his motion. The Board directed Staff to update resolution 2021-019 with the current approved format.

C. AIW-Resolution No. 2024-02 Impact Fees on Accessory Structures- Assistant Chief Hanson
Assistant Chief Hanson presented the AIW as submitted.

Commissioner Cherney moved to approve [Resolution No. 2024-02 outlining impact fees to be charged on accessory structures]. Seconded by Commissioner Duffy. Commissioner Cherney withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Cherney moved to table this item until this is discussed with the surrounding Districts. Seconded by Commissioner Cross. Motion passed 3-2 (Biondo, Duffy)

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. AIW- Associate Medical Director Contract- EMS Division Chief Dennis DiSarro
EMS Division Chief DiSarro presented the AIW as submitted.

Commissioner Cherney moved to approve the AIW as written as long as we can be out of the previous contract with the other Medical Director by April. Commissioner Duffy seconded.

George Danz stated that he requests that the new Medical Director be present at the county's EMS committee meetings. Dr. Dunavant came forward to introduce himself.

Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

B. Resolution No. 2024-03 Chapter 175 Pension Plan Amendment- 175 Chairman Tim Sims
Chairman Tim Sims presented the resolution as submitted.

Commissioner Duffy moved to adopt Resolution No. 2024-03 as presented. Seconded by Chairman Biondo. Commissioner Cherney stated that he is not comfortable approving the resolution due to the uncertainty of future funding for this amendment. Wayne Martin requested if Chairman Biondo retired in FRS or 175 Pension Plan. Motion passed 3-2. (Cross, Dearborn)

C. Resolution No. 2024-04 Chapter 175 Pension Plan 13th Check- 175 Chairman Tim Sims
Chairman Tim Sims presented the resolution as submitted. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Duffy moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-04 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Cherney. Motion passed 3-2. (Cross, Dearborn)

D. AIW- Logistics Commercial Lease Agreement- Chief McLaughlin

Assistant Chief McLaughlin presented the AIW as submitted.

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the lease extension. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

E. Fire Chief's Contract- Commissioner Duffy

Fire Chief Sapp announced his retirement effective March 8, 2024.

Commissioner Cross moved to appoint Chris Wolfe as the interim Fire Chief effective March 8, 2024, while we search for the next Fire Chief. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.



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F. Special Event/Detail Pay- Commissioner Duffy

Commissioner Duffy stated the need for a charge for special event/detail pay. Chief Campbell is working on the staffing metric regarding special event/detail pay.

G. AIW- Resolution No. 2024-05 Adoption of Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement-Fire Chief Sapp

Fire Chief Sapp presented the AIW as submitted.

Commissioner Cherney moved to approve Resolution 2024-05 Adoption of Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

H. Fire Chiefs Selection Process- Commissioner Cherney

Commissioner Cherney presented the Chief's selection process to the Board and requested a workshop to be scheduled.

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

President Justin Humphrey stated there is nothing in the contract that has staffing metrics.

J. Comments by Commissioners

Attorney Donaldson stated that the Chief's Selection Process is public record. Chairman Biondo discussed a document he was asked by Staff to sign.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cherney made a motion to adjourn at 11:08 a.m. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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