



DRAFT MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
January 16, 2024

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 January 16, 2024, at the Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Duffy, Biondo, Cherney, Cross and Dearborn.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

B. Consent Agenda

1. Treasurer Report
2. GNFD Board Minutes December 12, 2023

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

C. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

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

D. Fire Chief's District Report

1. Deputy Chief Wolfe recognized the service awards for the month of December.
2. Deputy Chief Wolfe presented the Fire Chief's Report as submitted and announced 4 firefighter line-of-duty deaths for the month of December.

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

Chairman Tim Sims stated the Pension Plan is working on an annual evaluation report and will have two resolutions to present to the Board next month.

F. Local 2396 Report – President Justin Humphrey

President Justin Humphrey introduced himself as the new President for Local 2396 and stated he believes the contract will be completed soon.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Boat 90 Update- Deputy Chief Wolfe

Deputy Chief Wolfe stated the quote for a Metal Shark boat which includes a trailer is \$650,000. There was discussion on not needing an enclosed cab for the boat.

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

There was discussion regarding a millage increase. Commissioner Cross stated he is not in favor of a millage increase.

Commissioner Cherney moved to have Staff bring back to this Board three resolutions mirroring what we brought to the Board historically in the past for consideration. Commissioner Biondo Seconded. Motion passed 3-2. (Dearborn, Cross)

C. Ladder Truck Financing- Deputy Chief Wolfe

Commissioner Cross moved to cancel the purchase of the ladder truck. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Commissioner Biondo spoke against the motion stating the District needs a new ladder truck. Motion failed 2-3. (Cherney, Duffy, Biondo)



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Commissioner Cherney moved to approve as presented by Staff [approve the financing agreement with Flagstar and allow the Fire Chief to Execute the documents]. Seconded by Commissioner Biondo. Motion Passed 3-2. (Cross, Dearborn)

D. Impact Fee Discussion- Deputy Chief Wolfe

There was discussion regarding the Impact Fee charge for ancillary buildings. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve any structure or ancillary building over 200 square feet that has an impervious roof, or is a living structure to pay impact fees. Commissioner Cherney seconded.*

Commissioner Cherney stated he would prefer to wait until Staff meets with surrounding Districts before making changes. *Motion passed 4-1. (Cherney)*

E. AIW-2024 Regular BOFC Meeting Dates- Chief of Staff Chesser

Chief of Staff Chesser presented the AIW as submitted. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve the AIW as presented. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

F. Grant Update- Assistant Chief McLaughlin

Assistant Chief McLaughlin reported the HRGP grant is in final review with the State. Deputy Chief Wolfe stated Staff is working on plans for the White Lake Property.

G. Admin Job Descriptions/Salaries- Chairman Duffy

There was discussion regarding the salary ranges; discussion ensued. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve Agenda Item II. B. Administrative Job Descriptions/Salaries dated December 12, 2023, but amend it to make the salary adjustments effective the next pay period. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed 4-1. (Duffy)*

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. AIW- Vacant Land Appraisals- Chief of Staff Chesser

Chief of Staff presented the AIW as presented. *Commissioner Cross moved to have the District solicit bids from brokers to see what the fair market value is to move forward to listing White Lake for sale. Commissioner Dearborn seconded.*

Commissioner Cherney stated he is not in favor to sell the District's property.

Wayne Martin stated the original scope for White Lake Blvd was to have a campus which would hold Administrative Headquarters, Fire and Life Safety, and classrooms in the central part of the District. *Motion failed 2-3. (Cross, Dearborn)*

B. AIW- Interlocal Agreement Concerning Plan Review and Inspection- Deputy Chief Wolfe

Deputy Chief Wolfe presented the AIW as submitted. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve the AIW for the Interlocal Agreement Concerning Plan Review and Inspection. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed 4-0. (Dearborn not present for vote)*



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

No public comments

D. Comments by Commissioners

Commissioner Cross moved to appoint Commissioner Biondo as Chairman, Commissioner Cherney as Vice-Chair, Commissioner Dearborn as Treasurer, and Commissioner Cross as Secretary for the Board. Commissioner Biondo seconded.

Commissioner Cross amended his motion to appoint Commissioner Biondo as Chairman, Commissioner Cherney as Vice-Chair, Commissioner Dearborn as Secretary, and Commissioner Cross as Treasurer. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

The Board requested to have an update on the Fire Chief selection process and an update on Station 63 at the February meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Duffy made a motion to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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