



**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**March 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 March 13, 2024, at the Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Biondo, Cherney, Cross, Dearborn, and Duffy.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

**B. Consent Agenda**

1. Treasurer Report
2. GNFD Board Minutes February 20, 2024

*Commissioner Cross moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

**C. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**

Interim Chief Wolfe requested to pull item II.A from the Agenda.

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

**D. Fire Chief's District Report**

1. Interim Fire Chief Wolfe recognized the service awards, badge pinning, Firefighter and Civilian of the Year Awards, and the You Are Our Hero Award for the month of February.
2. Interim Fire Chief Wolfe presented the Fire Chief's Report as submitted and announced five firefighter line-of-duty deaths for the month of February.
3. There was discussion regarding the next scheduled negotiation meeting.

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

No Report

**F. Local 2396 Report – President Justin Humphrey**

President Justin Humphrey stated negotiations should finish up quickly after the next scheduled meeting.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. AIW-Resolution No. 2024-06 Future Direction of the District and Strategic Plan- Interim Fire Chief Wolfe**

Interim Fire Chief Wolfe presented the AIW as submitted. There was a discussion on adjusting the language for the ballot.

*Commissioner Cherney moved to tighten up the language so that it is strictly for capital projects, and that no future reallocation of funds can be moved to operations. Commissioner Duffy seconded.*

Todd Eschmann from the public stated the need for the additional funding for additional stations and firefighters; he also stated that the 8-year sunset and the limitations on where the District funds can be used, ties the District's hands.

Interim Chief Wolfe recommended the Board to table this item and work on new language for the ballot.

*Motion passed 4-1. (Cross)*



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- B. Fire Chief Selection Process- Commissioner Cherney**  
The Board scheduled a workshop, March 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. AIW-iParametrics Contract Extension- Deputy Chief Bauer**  
Deputy Chief Bauer presented the AIW as submitted.  
*Commissioner Cross moved to extend it [the contract] another year. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*
- B. AIW-Grant Technical Assistance Proposal- Deputy Chief Bauer**  
Deputy Chief Bauer presented the AIW as submitted.  
*Commissioner Cross moved to approve their proposal. Commissioner Duffy seconded.*  
Commissioner Cherney clarified that Deputy Chief Bauer's primary focus is to write grants, which is what the position was funded for. *Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*
- C. AIW-Public Risk Management Contract and By-Laws- Chief of Staff Chesser**  
*Commissioner Cherney moved to approve [the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Public Risk Management of Florida and authorize the Chairman to execute the document].*  
*Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*
- D. Public Input for Issues Not Listed on the Published Agenda**  
Connie Bettinger, a resident of Golden Gate City, stated the need to list the Commissioners' emails on the website. Craig Trapani, SW Regional Manager for Jimmy Patronis, stated there are grants that could benefit the District and will contact Deputy Chief Bauer.
- E. Comments by Commissioners**  
No Commissioner comments

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

*Commissioner Dearborn made a motion to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Meeting adjourned.*