



**MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 1, 2022**

I. MEETING OPENED

Chairman Gerrity called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 5:30 p.m., on November 1, 2022 at Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Duffy, Biondo, Cottiers, Stedman, and Gerrity.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

B. Consent Agenda

1. Treasurer Report
2. Ratification of Resolution 2022-14 State of Emergency-Hurricane Ian
*Commissioner Stedman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

C. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Commissioner Stedman moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

D. Approval of the GNFD Board Minutes for September 13, 2022

Chairman Gerrity did not approve of the GNFD Board Minutes for September 13, 2022 and asked for the Board Minutes be reviewed and put on next month's agenda.

E. Approval of the GNFD FY 22-23 Tentative Budget Minutes September 13, 2022

Commissioner Stedman moved to approve the GNFD FY 22-23 Tentative Budget Board Minutes September 13, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

F. Approval of the GNFD FY 22-23 Final Budget Minutes September 27, 2022

Commissioner Cottiers moved to approve the GNFD FY 22-23 Final Budget Board Minutes September 27, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0. (Gerrity and Stedman abstained from voting due to their absence)

G. Fire Chief's District Report

1. Fire Chief Sapp presented his report as submitted.
Commissioner Stedman inquired how many vehicles will be ALS and Fire Chief Sapp stated there are eight ALS vehicles with the COPCN. There was discussion regarding Station 23 relocation during repairs and construction.
2. Fire Chief Sapp announced the service awards for the months of September and October.
3. Fire Chief Sapp announced 7 firefighter line of duty deaths for the months of September and October.

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

Chairman Tim Sims stated the pension is currently down 17 percent and invited the Board and public to attend the meeting on November 10, 2022.



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I. Local 2396 Report – President Chris Diaz

President Chris Diaz reviewed the tentatively approved benefit improvements for the 175 Pension Plan as submitted; the Union will vote on this in the next meeting and he also reviewed the two grievances with the District.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. AIW – District Policies – Attorney Laura Donaldson

Attorney Laura reviewed the policies as submitted.

Commissioner Stedman moved to approve Staff and Legal Counsel’s recommendations and approve:

Policy #304 Letters of No Objection

Policy #601 Conduct and Behavior

Policy #604 Social Media

And repeal Policy 901.3 Social Media

Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

B. Station 74 – Fire Chief Sapp

Fire Chief Sapp discussed the importance of a partnership with Collier County regarding Station 74. Collier County Project Manager Tony Barone discussed the equal partnership with Collier County and the District and is looking forward to future partnerships.

Chairman Gerrity stated his issue with Station 74 is not regarding partnership, rather location and cost. Commissioner Stedman and Commissioner Duffy agreed that Station 74 would be a model station for future stations in the District.

Commissioner Biondo moved to table Station 74. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed 4-1 (Stedman).

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. AIW – FY 21-22 Final Budget Amendment – Finance Manager James West

Finance Manager James West presented AIW as submitted.

Commissioner Stedman moved to approve the FY 21-22 Final Amended Budget in the amount of \$51,232,635, consisting of \$42,015,355 of appropriations of expenditures and a projection of \$9,217,280 in reserve fund balance at September 30, 2022. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

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

None

C. Comments by Commissioners

The Board thanked Commissioner Stedman for his time and work and Commissioner Stedman announced his gratitude to the District. Commissioner Cottiers announced his appreciation to all the firefighters and their hard work during and after Hurricane Ian.



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IV. ADJOURNMENT

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Duly passed with a vote of _____ to _____ and adopted in session on the 13th day of December 2022.

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Commissioner Al Duffy

Commissioner Brian O. Cross

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