



APPROVED MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET WORKSHOP
July 8, 2026

I. MEETING OPENED

Chairman Cherney called to order the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners Budget Workshop at 3:01p.m., on July 8, 2026, at the Fire and Life Safety Building. Present were Commissioners Cherney, Biondo, Cross, Dearborn, and Duffy.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

- B. Opening Remarks-** Fire Chief Wolfe announced that the District would be discussing the Capital, Ochopee, Mile Marker 63 funds, with the goal of providing a roadmap of the year to come. Board members were encouraged to provide comments and objections early in the process to avoid issues during execution. Discussion ensued on the upcoming proposed property tax amendment and the potential effects beginning with FY 27-28. The Board emphasized the importance of educating the community with a unified message on the role of a Special District and its reliance on property tax revenue. It was mentioned that the District received the certified TRIM numbers, which showed an increase between the estimates and the certified.

- C. Special Revenue Funds-** Finance Director Polanco presented the proposed FY 26-27 budget for the Special Revenue Funds as submitted. These funds include Mile Marker 63 and Ochopee. The District is currently working with Collier County to determine the amount of capital projects funding that will be approved.

- D. Impact Fee Fund-** Finance Director Polanco presented the proposed FY 26-27 budget for the Impact Fee Fund. Discussion clarified the distinction between capital and operational costs and related funding eligibility.

- E. Capital Improvement Projects Fund-** Finance Director Polanco presented the proposed FY 26-27 budget for the Capital Improvement Projects Fund as submitted. Additionally, Deputy Chief Bauer presented PowerPoint slides, discussing the current year's accomplishments, projects list, equipment and new vehicle purchases. An add-on project for two side-by-side vehicles with rescue and firefighting capabilities was requested. Discussion was held regarding breakdown and maintenance costs, towing, as well as specialty team requirements. Additionally, the Board raised concern about the cost of the Mobile Command Unit shown on the Vehicle List. Discussion ensued.

- F. Comments by Commissioners and Public**
None

II. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cross moved to adjourn at 4:12 p.m. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously. 5-0. The meeting was adjourned.