

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2024**  
**FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**  
**THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 9:00 A.M.  
Meeting held at  
Englewood Fire Administration Office  
516 Paul Morris Drive, Englewood, FL 34223

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman, Mr. Davison. Those present were: Mr. Benedetti, Mr. Kimberlin, Mr. Loisell, Mr. Knauf, and Chief Easton. Absent: Lori Wellbaum.

**CONSENT AGENDA FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING**

Mr. Davison asked if there were any questions, corrections, or additions to the consent agenda from the 12/13/2023 Board Meeting. Mr. Benedetti made a motion to accept the consent agenda and financials from 12/13/2023 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Kimberlin and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comment

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Davison spoke to the Board about the nominations of officers, in lieu of Ms. Wellbaum's absence, the nominations have been postponed until the next meeting on February 21, 2024.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the new generators. He explained that final inspections are underway and then staff training will be scheduled. He is pleased that this project is complete and can be removed from the agenda.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the Englewood Fire Training Center well monitoring. He explained that he was able to get Englewood Water District to sign the site access agreement; this will allow the DEP to access the property to perform the testing; no further information is available at the present time.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the proposed House Bill 7013/Senate Bill 1058 as well as several other house bills that will affect the district. Chief Easton will be going to Tallahassee to attend the FASD legislative forum to voice his concerns along with other department leaders. A small discussion ensued.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Easton introduced Jeff Strong to the Board as the new Fire Inspector. He added that Mr. Strong has already begun to gather a list of properties that are categorized as transient properties. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about the Pension Trust evaluation from Foster & Foster. He went onto explain that he had no concerns with their report.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about a recent vehicle accident. He went onto explain that Truck 75 was involved in the accident but received minor damage and no First Responders were injured. Chief Easton confirmed that he and Chief Bennett are working with the insurance company to resolve the matter with the other parties involved. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about a recent property that was going to be listed for sale which could be a great opportunity for the department. He continued to say that the building was suitable for maintenance/mechanical building. Chief Easton went onto explain the location and that he would continue to investigate the property and update the Board on his finding at the next meeting. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about the Leadership Class of 2024 legacy project. He explained that it's a First Responders monument which will be located at Veterans' Park at the end of Dearborn Street. He added that there will be several fundraisers in the upcoming to raise funds for the project and to extend an invitation for their participation. A small discussion ensued.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

No public comment at this time.


**DVP COMMENT:**

No DVP comment at this time.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

No Commissioner comment at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47am

  
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Ron Davison, Chairman

DATED: 02/21/2024

  
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