

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2008
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, April 9, 2008, 9:00 A.M.
Meeting held at Fire Station No. 4, 403 Boundary Boulevard
Rotonda, Florida

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by the Chairman, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Kern, Mr. Davison, Mr. Seneca, Chief Bonakoske and Mrs. Emery. Mr. Bell was not in attendance.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

No one from the public wished to address the Board.

MINUTES OF LAST MONTHS MEETING:

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes from the March 26, 2008 meeting. Mr. Davison made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of March 26, 2008 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Kern and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Seneca stated that he and Mr. Kern have agreed to meet with the union representative, Lt. Dino Fanti immediately following the Board meeting of April 23, 2008 to start negotiations for the union contract.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Assistant Chief Gaskell advised the Board that the radios at Station 75 should be installed either this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

Chief Bonakoske advised the Board that he and Assistant Chief Gaskell will meet this morning with Dr. James, to discuss the possibility of his becoming the District's medical director.

The Chief stated that he is working with Lemon Bay High School to implement an apprenticeship program. There is a grant available through the explorer program that would help with this program. A short discussion ensued.

The FEMA Fire Act Grant has been applied for. Assistant Chief Lane explained that this grant is for the purchase of SCBA equipment. Our portion would be approximately \$19,000.00. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief advised the Board that we are also looking into a grant for solar power. If we get this grant, we would be the first fire department to do so in the State of Florida. The Board will be updated as soon as more information is obtained.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Chief advised the Board that the phone system was installed yesterday in the Administration Building.

The Board discussed the possibility of holding the Board Meetings at the Administration Building. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Ms. Hawkins addressed the 25th Anniversary. A short discussion ensued.

Mr. Davison commented about the possibility of starting an apprenticeship program. He stated that he worked with a similar program in Chicago and feels that it would be a great to start in our area.

The meeting was recessed at 9:20 A.M. to take a tour of the administration building followed by the ground breaking ceremony for the Training Facility.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 A.M.

_____ DATED: _____
Denise Hawkins, Chairman

_____ DATED: _____
Attest

Bdmt April 9, 2008