

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2008**  
**FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**  
**THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

Wednesday, September 24, 2008, 9:00 A.M.  
Meeting held at the Administration Building  
516 Paul Morris Drive, Englewood, FL 34223

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M. by The Chairman Ms. Hawkins. Those present were Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Kern, Mr. Bell, Mr. Davison, Mr. Seneca, Chief Bonakoske and Ms. Emery.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

No one from the public wished to address the Board.

**MINUTES FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:**

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the minutes from the Public Hearing of September 10, and the Board Meetings of August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bell made a motion to accept the minutes from the Public Hearing of September 10 and the Board Meetings of August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup> 2008. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

**SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any question or corrections regarding the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2008. Mr. Seneca made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2008 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kern read a letter into the record from Alex Sink, Chief Financial Officer for the State of Florida congratulating the District for the opening of Station 75.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Mr. Davison advised the Board the new windows have been installed at the Administration Building. A short discussion ensued.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief Bonakoske asked if there were any questions on the written Chief's report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ms. Hawkins addressed the Union Contract and asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the contract. Ms. Hawkins left the meeting to attend to a personal matter. After a short discussion Mr. Seneca made a motion to accept the Union Contract as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kern addressed the next item on the agenda, the approval of the 2008-2009 Budgets. Chief Bonakoske explained the changes in the format and line items (copies of budgets are attached for the record). Mr. Bell made a motion to accept the operating budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009 in the amount of \$6,072,234.00, as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously. Mr. Seneca made a motion to accept the Capitol Purchase Budget as presented in the amount of \$537,621.00. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously. Mr. Davison made a motion to accept the Impact Fee Budget as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kern addressed the Staff Wages. After a lengthy discussion the Board decided address the wages at the October 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

The Chef addressed the renewal of Mr. Markus' contract. Mr. Markus requested an increase in his hourly rate to \$18.00. Mr. Bell made a motion to accept Mr. Markus' contract with the increase in the hourly rate to \$18.00. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

The Board took a recess from 10:20 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

Ms. Emery advised the Board she received a letter requesting public records from Attorney Draper. Mr. Draper has been hired by Gasparilla Marina., who has requested a reevaluation of their fire assessment. (Copy of the letter is attached for the record.) Ms. Emery will meet with Chief Bonakoske and Terry Lewis of the law firm, Lewis, Longman and Walker. Ms. Emery would work with Mr. Lewis as co-counsel if a suit is filed. Ms. Emery explained that the Board can meet in executive session only after a law suit is filed and at this time no suit filed just a request for public records. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 A.M.

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**Jeff Kern, Vice Commissioner**

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**Attest**

**Bdmt Sept 24, 2008**