

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 8, 2009**  
**FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**  
**THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

Wednesday, July 8, 2009, 9:00 A.M.  
Meeting held at the Englewood Area Fire Control District's  
Station 4  
403 Boundary Blvd., Rotonda, Florida 33947

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

Ms. Hawkins stated the reason for the new set up was so no one would have their backs to the audience.

**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 Board Meeting of June 24 2009. Mr. Davison made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of June 24, 2009 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Mr. Bray stated that Englewood was well represented at the trustees' pension meeting held in Boca Raton.

Mr. Davison advised the Board that he attend one of the propane burns at the training facility and was impressed.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

The Chief advised the Board that he will be talking to Mr. Bray regarding the life insurance payout process.

The Chief addressed the possibility of re-instating the volunteer program. A short discussion ensued.

Assistant Chief Lane stated the academy is doing well. He also advised the Board that all three shifts have done the LP burns.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Davison advised the Board that the awards ceremony will be held at the Suncoast Auditorium, Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. and advised the Board that they have waived the charge for the use of the facility. He is still researching the food issue. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief advised the Board that the deadline for the receipt of the RFP's is today at 5:00 P.M.

Chief Bonakoske notified the Board that his letter is in to take advantage of the early pension buy out and his last day will November 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bray advised the Board that the only other letter that has been received is from Assistant Chief Gaskell. Mr. Bray stated the Board should start thinking about the replacement of the people in these key positions. Ms. Hawkins added under New Business, the scheduling of dates to discuss the replacement of the people in these positions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Chief advised the Board that GSG needs the trim rated by the 15<sup>th</sup> of July so they can forward to the counties by July 20<sup>th</sup>. A short discussion ensued. Mr. Bray made a motion to adopt the new trim rates with the increase of 6.9% across the board (copy of rates attached for the record) as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously

Mr. Bray would like to have the Board go over the budget line by line. A short discussion ensued. The Board will discuss the budget at the end of the next board meeting for approximately one hour.

Ms. Hawkins would like the board's opinion regarding the vacancies in the Chief's and the Assistant Chief's position. The Board decided that this issue will be discussed further at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meetings.

The Chief advised the Board that the excursion to Little Gasparilla Island will be today at the boat ramp next to the Boca Grande Causeway at 1:30.P.M. Mr. Bell, Mr. Bray, Mr. Davison, Chief Bonakoske and Ms. Tomlinson will be making the trip.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 A.M.

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**Denise Hawkins, Chairman**

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**Attest**

**Bdmt July 8th, 2009**