

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 2009
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, October 28, 2009, 9:00 A.M.
Meeting held at the Englewood Area Fire Control District's
Station 74
403 Boundary Blvd., Rotonda, Florida 33947

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 A.M. by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Davison. Those present were: Mr. Davison, Mr. Bray, Mr. Seneca, Chief Bonakoske and Mr. Wellbaum. Ms. Hawkins and Mr. Bell were not in attendance.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

No one from the public wished to address the Board.

MINUTES FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:

Mr. Davison asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the minutes from the Board Meeting of October 14, 2009. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of October 14, 2009 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Bray asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report for September 2009. Mr. Seneca made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for September 2009 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Bray and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

There were no committee comments.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Chief added three items to the agenda, one under Old Business, the Crown Castle agreement for Station 72 and two under New Business, the Training Academy's Budget for 2009-2010 and the Line of Credit through Florida Shores Bank.

Mr. Bray asked about the status of the truck that was driven by Assistant Chief Gaskell. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Bonakoske asked about the MOU from Charlotte County regarding the high school students. Assistant Chief Lane said that he is waiting for the signed copy.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Wellbaum addressed questions posed to Ms. Emery at the last Board Meeting. He stated that the Board could not meet out of the sunshine to discuss the Chief's position. All meetings where more than one commissioner is in attendance must be in the sunshine. Mr. Seneca asked about preparing a list of questions to be asked of all the candidates. The questions would be reviewed by all the Commissioners to alleviate the possibility of duplicate questions being asked. A lengthy discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board that each Commissioner would compile a list of ten questions to be asked of the candidates and if there was a duplication of a question then each Commissioner would move to a different question on their list. The commission discussed and decided that they would interview each candidate for approximately one hour. They also anticipated cutting the list to three or four. The Board decided to meet and discuss the findings from the Fact Finding Panel, November 10th, 5:30 P.M, at Station 74. The Board also scheduled their first interview with the candidates for the November 18th Board Meeting. They will be interviewed in the same order as the Fact Finding Panels schedule starting at 9:00 A.M. and continuing in one hour intervals

The Chief addressed the Crown Castle contract for Station 72. Chief Bonakoske wanted direction from the Board regarding the rental income from this tower. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Chief added two additional items under New Business to the agenda. The first item, the filing of a complaint from Gasparilla Marina regarding the 2009 assessments and second the Rotonda West Board of Directors proxy for the new directors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Bonakoske addressed the training academy's budget. He stated the accountants want us to set up a separate accounting for the training facility. There is a profit from the academy in the amount of \$21,000.00. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief advised the Board that we have secured a line of credit to be used for operating expenses from Florida Shores Bank in the amount of \$700,000.00. Mr. Bray made a motion to authorize Mr. Bray as Secretary-Treasurer and Mr. Davison as Vice Chairman to sign the commitment letter for the line of credit with Florida Shore Bank on behalf of the District. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

The Chief advised the Board that the Gasparilla Marina has filed a complaint for the 2009 assessment. Mr. Bray made a motion to have our attorney, Lori Emery, answer this complaint and advise us further down the road as to when it will be turned over to the other attorney. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

Chief Bonakoske advised the Board that the Rotonda Association is conducting an election for new directions and he feels that one of the Commissioners who reside in the Rotonda area should be authorized to use the District's four proxy votes to vote in this election. Mr. Bray made a motion to authorize Mr. Seneca to attend the candidate's night and be the District's proxy in the voting for these candidates. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

Mr. Davison asked about the 800 Radios. A short discussion ensued where the Chief updated the Board regarding the progress of these radios.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

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Ronald Davison, Vice Chairman

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