

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2010**  
**FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**  
**THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 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 9:00 A.M. by the Chairman, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Davison, Mr. Bell, Mr. Seneca, Chief Gorski and Ms. Emery. Mr. Bray was not in attendance.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

No one from the public wished to address the Board.

Ms. Hawkins conducted the swearing in and the presentation of the badge to Chief Brian Gorski, the new Fire Chief for the Englewood Area Fire Control District. After the ceremony Chief Gorski stated he was proud and excited to be the Chief and he is looking forward to working with the men, staff and the Commission.

Ms Hawkins acknowledged Assistant Chief Scott Lane and commended him for all his hard work and dedication during the time he served as the Acting Fire Chief.

Chief Gorski presented badges to Battalion Chief Peter Ojeda and Lieutenant Keith Medvar.

**MINUTES FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:**

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the minutes of the Board Meeting of January 27, 2010. Mr. Bell made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of January 27, 2010 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

There were no committee comments.

Commissioner Bell added Hydrants under New Business.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief Gorski addressed the MOU from Sarasota County regarding the 800 Radio and advised the Board that it has been signed and returned to us. The training for these radios was conducted last week.

The Chief advised the Board that Assistant Chief Lane has placed several items on Gov Deals. These items have been sold for approximately \$12,000.00. He would like to use that money to purchase new equipment for the two reserve engines. The cost for this equipment would be approximately \$10,446.00. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) needs to be adopted. This system is in place but it needs to be formally adopted. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Davison authorized Chief Gorski to prepare a General Order adopting the NIMS. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.

The Chief wanted to schedule meetings with staff, the men and the Commissioners to go over the Strategic Plan. He will work on setting up a schedule to meet with everyone to discuss the plan. A short discussion ensued. Mr. Davison stated that he is working on this plan and would like to work closely with the Chief.

Chief Gorski stated how proud he is of the firefighters regarding their training. He would like to see us develop a customer satisfaction program based on the fire incident reports. These surveys could be sent out to the persons involved in an incident to see how we did. He feels we could receive important information from the community regarding their expectations of us.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Seneca wanted to know the status of the Gasparilla Marina law suite. Ms. Emery advised the Board that Mr. Charles is working on setting up a hearing. A lengthy discussion ensued. She will keep the Board apprised of any new developments in this case.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Bell addressed the hydrants in the District and wanted to know who owned them. Assistant Chief Lane advised him that Englewood Water District owned and maintained the hydrants. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski would like to add the response time information for second in and third in responses to the Chief's report. A short discussion ensued.

Mr. Seneca wanted to know if we were holding the classes for the high school students again. Assistant Chief Lane advised him that we were and that this year Charlotte County School Board is funding the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 A.M.

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**Denise Hawkins, Chairman**

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**Attest**

**Bdmt Feb. 10, 2010**