

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

Wednesday, March 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. Bray, Mr. Bell, Mr. Seneca, Chief Gorski and Ms. Emery. Mr. Davison was not in attendance.

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 of the Board Meeting of February 24, 2010. Mr. Seneca made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of February 24, 2010 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Bray advised the Board that he received a letter from the Florida Public Pension Trustees Association acknowledging the fact that he had attended the February 7-10 FPPTA Trustees School in Jacksonville (letter attached). This is the first step in becoming a certified pension trustee.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Bray stated that the firefighter's pension trustees met on Monday and dismissed their administrator and they are in the process of securing a new administrator. A short discussion ensued.

Mr. Seneca advised the Board that he had an opportunity to look at a new E-One ladder truck and would like to add to the agenda, a replacement schedule for apparatus and a reserve account to fund the replacement. This will be added to new business on this agenda.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Gorski advised the Board that the 2010 Legislative Session has started and there are several items that could impact the district (copy of the Legislative Bulletin is attached). A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Chief advised the Board that he will be meeting with Charlotte County's Sheriff Cameron this afternoon to introduce himself and on Monday the 15th he will meet with Charlotte County Commissioner Skidmore.

Chief Gorski addressed the 800 Radios and advised the Board that the installation of these radios has started.

The Chief stated that the new sign for the Administration Building has been installed.

Assistant Chief Lane advised the Board that the Charlotte County School Board has donated computers to the training academy. They will be used for both the high school students as well as the adult class. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski asked the Board if there could be a cut off time for the submission of agenda items. He would like to see all items submitted no later than the Friday prior to the Wednesday meeting date. This way if he would be able to prepare for any issues the Commissioners may have..

The Chief has submitted, to both counties the Navigational Grant paperwork. This grant would be for the purchase of a new fire boat. A lengthy discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Hawkins addressed the Crown Castle Lease for Station 71 and asked Chief Gorski for an update. The Chief presented the Board with a memorandum, which explained the suggested changes to the lease. A lengthy discussion ensued. The Chief would like to explore other options with Crown Castle regarding the lease, i.e. having them build a new station in lieu of rent. The discussion continued.

Mr. Bell wanted to know if we could get money for the boat from Home Land Security. Chief Gorski stated the he thought we could but the FEMA Grants do not open up until the end of this month or the first of next month. There is another grant for the purchase of a new boat through the State of Florida Wildlife. This grant opens up in a few months and the Chief anticipates applying for it.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that three bids have been received for the roof at the Administration Building. They are from: Lackey Roofing - \$6,485.00, Anthony Leonard Roofing - \$13,685.00 and Kirkey Roofing - \$8,655.00. All three roofers are from Englewood and proposed the same work, materials and offer similar warranties. Both Anthony Leonard and Kirkey Roofing have additional costs for replacing rotted or damaged wood. The Chief recommended the job be given to Lackey Roofing. Ms. Emery would like to check his background to see if there are any outstanding law suits.

The Chief would like to schedule a Strategic Planning session, for an hour during the March 24th Board Meeting. He would like to have the three battalion chiefs and Lt. Fanti in attendance.

At the last meeting the Chief discussed presenting a letter to each member of the Softball Team from the Commission. He has the letters ready for their signatures.

Ms. Emery advised the Board that she and Chief Gorski attended the hearing regarding the Gasparilla Marina lawsuit. She advised the Board that we have submitted two motions: A motion to dismiss and a motion for summary judgment, both motions were denied. She would like to schedule an executive session for the beginning of the March 24 Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Bray made a motion for the Board to approve the pension boards vote to appoint Roman Grabowski to the position of Secretary for the Firefighters Pension Trust Fund's Board. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.

Mr. Seneca addressed a plan for the replacement and funding of apparatus. He would like the commissioners to come up with suggestions regarding these issues. Commissioner Seneca would also like to get a portion of the 1 cent sales tax from both counties to help fund this project. This will also be discussed under the strategic planning portion of next months meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 A.M.

_____ DATED: _____
Denise Hawkins, Chairman

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Attest