

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2010
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, April 14, 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. Bray, Mr. Seneca, Mr. Bell, Chief Gorski and Mr. Wellbaum.

Chief Gorski introduced Commissioner Skidmore from Charlotte County. Commissioner Skidmore discussed the relationship between the District and Charlotte County and the possibility of adjusting the boundaries of the District. Mr. Seneca addressed our getting a share of the penny sales tax. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski would like to present a hurricane preparedness seminar for the area.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

No one 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 March 24, 2010. Mr. Seneca made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of March 24, 2010 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Bray and passed unanimously.

SECRETARY REPORT:

No correspondence has been received.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Seneca advised the Board that he and Mr. Davison (in separate vehicles) went to the Grand Opening of the green station in Sarasota. A short discussion ensued.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Chief advised the Board that the customer satisfaction survey has been very successful.

At 10:00 firefighter Donavon Foss will be awarded a certificate for his off duty heroic act of saving the life of a choking woman. The Chief would like to institute an employee recognition policy. This would be for any employee or citizen that does a noteworthy act.

The Chief presented a reported regarding the Grand Opening of the green station in Sarasota.

The Chief addressed the four residential lots owned by the District in Englewood East. These lots were to be used for the site of Station 75. The original purchase price for these lots was \$24,765.00. The current assessed value of these lots are between \$8,000.00 and \$9,500.00 each. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Davison made a motion to designate these lots as surplus property and put them on the market for sale. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

Chief Gorski addressed the line of credit that had been established with Florida Shores Bank. Mr. Bray made a motion to renew the line of credit with Florida Shores Bank and authorize the Chief to handle this renewal. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.

The Chief addressed the four generators secured from forestry by Assistant Chief Lane. He advised the Board that during severe weather these generators could be loaned out to various Shell and Circle K gas stations within the District. There would be an understanding between the District, Shell and Circle K where they would reserve a certain amount of fuel for the District's use during the emergency. It would be Shell and Circle K's responsibility to have the wiring installed in their premises to facilitate these generators. During or prior to the storm we would deliver these generators to their facilities so they could remain open during the emergency. The Chief and Ms. Emery will prepare an MOU that addresses this issue

The meeting scheduled for this afternoon with the Rotonda Homeowners Association has been rescheduled for May 12th at 3:00 P.M.

Tomorrow at 5:00 P.M. the Chief will be attending a meeting at the CRA Building on West Dearborn Street regarding a low impact design for West Dearborn as it relates to storm water. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that the cost for the Firefighters Pension Trust Fund has increased to 27.2%. This is due to the fact that the State monies received were not what was expected and the actual number of person who retired (eight were projected, three actually retired) was less than expected. This was anticipated in the budget.

The Chief presented the certificate to Firefighter Donavon Foss.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Chief addressed and gave the Commissioners a list of the proposed projects in the Sarasota County portion of the District along with the anticipated revenue they may produce. A lengthy discussion ensued. Chief Gorski advised the Board that he will be receiving the same information form Charlotte County.

The Chief addressed the Flashover Simulator. He feels this is a revenue opportunity for the District since there are very few in the State of Florida. Chief Lane has found a reconditioned machine in New York for \$25,000.00 with a two year complete warranty. The estimated shipping charge of \$2,000.00 would bring the entire cost to approximately \$27,000.00. It is the Chiefs recommendation that we purchase this simulator. The money for this purchase could come from both the training budget and the operating budget. Mr. Bray made a motion to purchase the Flashover Simulator from the training facility monies. This money would be fronted from the operating budget and reimbursed from the training facilities tuition when the funds are available. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

The Chief would like the authority from the Board to continue negotiations with Crown Castle regarding the lease at Station 71. The last figure he received was 1.1 million dollars. This money would be used to demolish and rebuild Station 71. He also would like authority to start negotiations with Sarasota County regarding their using our Station 71 as their permanent home. A lengthy discussion ensued. Crown Castle is also agreeable to renegotiating the Station 72 lease. The Board authorized the Chief to continue with his negotiations.

The Board recessed from 10:20 A.M. reconvened at 10:34 A.M.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Hawkins addressed the Board Meeting of June 9th. It was the decision of the Board that this meeting be cancelled due to the fact that it falls during the FASD Conference.

Ms. Hawkins advised the Board that both she and Mr. Bell will not be in attendance at the April 28th Board Meeting.

Chief Gorski led a discussion regarding the strategic plan. Several issues were discussed and voted upon. The District’s mission statement is being worked on at this time and should be ready by the next meeting. The vision statement was approved and it is as follows: ***“The members of the Englewood Area Fire Control District, through our commitment to innovation and service excellence, will always strive to be the leaders in fire and safety services and the model of a successful fire department”***. Several items were discussed regarding the strategic plan, starting with Values.

The following is a list of the Districts values: Compassion, Customer focus, Team work, Innovation, Honesty, Respect, Passion, Humor, Accountable, Reliable, Enthusiastic, Selflessness, Dedicated, Camaraderie, Professionalism, Focus and Integrity.

It was voted that the District’s Motto will be: ***“Desire to Serve – Courage to Act”***.

Attached is a draft copy of the Executive Summary.

The District’s Strengths: Employees, Leadership, Citizens, Training, Stability, Equipment, Dedication, Values, Open minded to Change, Listen, Creativity and Vision.

The District’s Weaknesses: Funding, Staffing, District split between two counties, Public education, Media relations, Inspections, Succession planning and Uniformity.

The District’s Opportunities: Revenue seeking, Growth of the District, Revenue, Growth of community, Community outreach, Partnerships, Better relations with media and Expansion of the District.

Threats: Economy, Consolidation, Greed, National disasters, Unplanned for community development, Public perception, Poor leadership, Increased call volume, Legislation and The economy.

The Chief will compile this information and prepare a report which he will present at the next Board Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

_____ DATED: _____
Denise Hawkins, Chairman

_____ DATED: _____
Attest