

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2010
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, April 28, 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 9:01 A.M. by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Davison. Those present were: Mr. Davison, Mr. Bray, Mr. Seneca, Chief Gorski and Ms. Emery. Mr. Bell and Ms. Hawkins were not in attendance.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

No one 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 April 14, 2010. Mr. Seneca made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of April 14, 2010 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Bray and passed unanimously.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Davison asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Reports for March 2010. Mr. Seneca made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports for March 2010 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Bray and passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Davison advised the Board that the roof over the office portion of the Administration Building has been completed.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Gorski addressed the 2010 Hurricane Season and gave the Commissioners a copy of the Impact Weather press release (copy attached). The Chief also addressed the labeling of street signs in the Sarasota County side of Englewood with evacuation zone letters (copy attached) A lengthy discussion ensued.

April 30th at 2:00 there will be a hurricane hunter at the Sarasota Bradenton Airport. The Chief wants anyone interested in going to contact him

The Chief advised the Board that we did not receive the FEMA grant for the radios. He is working on resubmitting this grant.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that Mr. Davison and Mr. Seneca were taken on a tour of Sarasota County's Station 1 and the 911 center. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief advised the Board that this weekend FF Donavon Foss was recognized as Firefighter of the Year at a luncheon sponsored by the VFW.

Chief Gorski advised the Board he has contacted Florida Shores Bank regarding the line of credit and will be signing the papers. A short discussion ensued.

The Flashover Simulator has been ordered and should be received within four to six weeks.

At the May 12th Board Meeting Chief Gorski would like to present several firefighters with their Journeyman Certificates from the State.

Also, at the May 12th Board Meeting, the Chief and Ms. Emery would like to hold an executive session. This would be conducted at the beginning of the meeting.

The Chief would like to discuss the insurance proposals at the next Board Meeting.

Chief Gorski would like the Board's authorization/approval to start drafting the bid specifications for architectural services. This would create a master facilities plan. A lengthy discussion ensued. The Board gave the Chief their approval to proceed with the drafting of these specifications.

Mr. Seneca asked the Chief if we could ask if anyone was interested in trading property for the property that houses Station 71. The Chief advised Mr. Seneca that this could present some issues with re-zoning plus there is a tower on the Station 71 site. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski addressed the possibility of expanding the District's boundaries to the river. He would like the Boards authorization to do a feasibility study regarding this issue. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Bray made a motion to authorize the Chief to proceed with a feasibility study. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

Assistant Chief Lane advised the Board that tonight is the Family Night for the academy and they will be conducting a propane burn. He invited the Commissioners to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Gorski addressed the Crown Castle lease for Station 71 and advised the Board that they have increased the amount they are offering us. He feels that we should continue the negotiations. The Board agreed. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Chief continued the discussion from the last Board Meeting regarding the District Strategic Plan. He addressed the Executive Summary (copy attached). The approved motto for the District is "Desire to Serve – Courage to Act". He also advised the Board that the Values were finalized. The Chief presented the District's Mission Statement and Vision Statement. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept The Mission Statement as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept the Vision Statement as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously. At the last meeting the Board went over the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) Analysis a copy is attached. The Chief would like the Board to review this information. The Chief drafted a Strategic Priority #1: Reaching out to our Community through Education (copy attached). These will be discussed further at the next Board Meeting. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Ronald Davison, Vice Chairman DATED: _____

Attest DATED: _____