

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2010**  
**FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**  
**THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

Wednesday, August 11, 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. Bray, Mr. Seneca, Chief Gorski and Ms. Emery.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

No one from the public wished to address the Board.

**FIREFIGHTER OF THE QUARTER:**

This will be addressed at the next Board Meeting.

**MINUTES FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:**

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the minutes from the Board Meeting of July 14, 2010. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of July 14, 2010 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Reports for June 2010. Mr. Bell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports for June 2010 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously. The Chief explained that we are nine months into the budget year and are below the targeted amounts, we are doing well.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence.

**COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Mr. Seneca advised the Board that he, Chief Gorski and Lt. Davis went to Edgewater to look at the fire boat. He was very impressed with the quality of the boats. A lengthy discussion ensued. This will be discussed further at the August 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. The Chief advised the Board that we will be selling the current boat either on GovDeals or possibly to a crabber.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief Gorski advised the Board that the Charlotte County School Board has renewed their contract for the high school fire program.

The Chief would like to hold an alternative funding workshop either September 13 after the Public Hearing or September 22<sup>nd</sup> after the Board Meeting. A short discussion ensued. It was the Board decision that this workshop would be held at September 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting.

Chief Gorski would like to hold an open house at the training facility either October 2<sup>nd</sup> or October 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:000 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. for Fire Prevention week. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief advised the Board that we have been invited to participate a in the “Cooking for Kids” fund raiser sponsored by the Big Brothers/Big Sisters on November 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 P.M. to 9 P.M. It will be held at the Suncoast Auditorium. The Commissioners are invited to attend.

The Chief advised the Board that he has applied for a grant for smoke alarms from WalMart. He is confident we will receive this grant.

The Chief addressed the roof at Station 74 and advised the Board that it has leaked for several years. He will address the replacement of the roof at the next board meeting. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that the computers we received from Sarasota County, at no cost to the District, are in at all the stations.

Assistant Chief Lane advised the Board that the high school class will start next Monday with seven students (five from Lemon Bay High School, one from Charlotte High School and one from Port Charlotte High School). As Chief Gorski had addressed earlier in the meeting the MOU has been signed and is in place with Charlotte County School Board.

Chief Lane stated that the original used Flashover Simulator we purchased had a problem with damaged tiles so they asked if we wanted a refund or a new simulator. We chose a new one, which will be sent to us within 8 or 9 weeks.

The adult class is in session at this time. We have lost one student. A short discussion ensued.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Chief updated the Board regarding the assessments on churches. A short discussion ensued.

The District’s four lots in Englewood East have been sold for \$12,000.00 the closing is scheduled for Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bray made a motion to authorize Mr. Davison to sign the contract and closing papers for the four lots in Englewood East. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.

The Crown Castle’s lease has been signed but there are two more papers to be signed. Ms. Emery and Mr. Davison will sign these papers and the Chief will forward them to Crown Castle.

Tomorrow there will be a meeting with the Architectural Design selection committee to discuss and select an architect for the up coming construction projects. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief addressed the auxiliary volunteer firefighter program. Assistant Chief Lane drafted a program to address these auxiliary volunteer firefighters. To date the Chief has received 38 applications for this program. He anticipates using 10 persons. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski discussed budget with the Commissioners and updated the budget books. A lengthy discussion ensued. The Chief advised the Board that the five reserve accounts (Reserve for Station Construction, Reserve for Emergency Disaster Relief, Reserve for Compensated Absences, Reserve for Budget Stabilization, Economic Uncertainty and Reserve for Vehicle, Equipment, Station Construction) have been set up at Florida Shores Bank.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Chief addressed the Pioneer Days Parade which will be held on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M. He is working with the Union to have trucks, men and the Commissioners participate in this event. He advised the Commission that the men will be wearing tees shirts that support Breast Cancer Awareness month. We will have the Pink Fire Truck in Englewood September 27<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

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**Denise Hawkins, Chairman**

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**Attest**

**Bdmt August 11, 2010**