

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2010**  
**FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**  
**THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

Wednesday, January 13, 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 Vice Chairman, Mr. Davison. Those present were: Mr. Davison, Mr. Bray, Mr. Bell, Mr. Seneca, Chief Lane and Ms. Emery. Ms. Hawkins was not in attendance.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

No one from the public wished to address the Board.

**MINUTES FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:**

Mr. Davison asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the minutes of the Board Meetings of November 18<sup>th</sup> (corrected minutes), December 9 and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Mr. Seneca made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meetings of November 18<sup>th</sup> (corrected), December 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 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 Report for November 2009. Mr. Bell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for November 2009 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

There were no committee comments.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief Lane addressed the ladder truck being taken out of service when we are short man power. He is concerned that this may delay response times in the case of a fire and create a safety issue. He advised the Board that this issue has already occurred. Chief Lane was advised that this was done to save payment of overtime. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Bray asked if the prospective new Chief had been in. Chief Lane advised the Board that he had met with Chief Gorski for approximately 1 ½ hours.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Davison addressed what would be offered to the new Chief in the form of a contract. Each Board member was asked to give their opinion regarding what would be offered, i.e. salary, car, benefits, etc. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the verbiage and items offered in the Chief's contract. It was the Board's decision to have Mr. Bray meet with Mr. Gorski. After his meeting he would provide Ms. Emery with his recommendations. She would then draw up a contract that would be presented at the Board Meeting of January 27, 2010.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Davison addressed the next item on the agenda, election of Board officers. Mr. Davison turned the meeting over to Ms. Emery for the election of the Chairperson’s position. Ms. Emery asked for nominations for the Chairperson position. Mr. Seneca nominated Ms. Hawkins for the Chairperson’s position. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously. There were no further nominations for Chairperson. Ms. Hawkins will serve as Chairperson for the Board of Commissioners of the Englewood Area Fire Control District for 2010. Ms. Emery turned the meeting back to Mr. Davison who called for nominations for the Vice Chairperson’s position. Mr. Bray nominated Mr. Davison for the Vice Chairperson’s position. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously. There were no further nominations for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Davison will serve as Vice Chairperson for the Board of Commissioners of the Englewood Area Fire Control District for 2010. Mr. Seneca nominated Mr. Bray for the Secretary-Treasurer’s position. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously. There were no further nominations for Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Bray will serve as Secretary-Treasurer for the Board of Commissioners of the Englewood Area Fire Control District for 2010.

Mr. Davison addressed the committee assignments for 2010. Mr. Bray made a motion that Mr. Bell serve on the Union Negotiations Committee It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously. Mr. Bray made a motion that Mr. Bell serve as chairman of the Grievance Committee and the Public Relations Committee. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously. Mr. Bray made a motion that the Union Management Relations Committee and Apparatus and Vehicle Committee stay the same with Mr. Seneca as the Chairman. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously. Mr. Bell made a motion that the Budget and Finance Committee and the Pension Committee stay the same with Mr. Bray as the Chairman. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously. Mr. Bray made a motion that Mr. Davison remain Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously

Chief Lane addressed renewal of the Crown Castle Lease at Station 71. A short discussion ensued. This will be addressed further at a later time.

Mr. Bell wanted to re address the ladder truck issue. He wanted Chief’s Lane opinion regarding the safety issue. A lengthy discussion ensued. Chief Lane will meet with the three Battalion Chiefs to come up with a solution.

Mr. Seneca asked the Board if they had any opinions regarding Little Gasparilla Island matching funds to put on a Fire Chief and one other person. Mr. Seneca said the article in the Englewood Sun kept referring to Charlotte County as the responding unit. He would like to know about our mutual aid agreement. A lengthy discussion ensued. Chief Lane stated that it is Charlotte County’s responsibility to keep manning and equipment out there. The mutual aid agreement is used if they need our assistance. A lengthy discussion ensued. This issue will be discussed at a later date.

The last item on the agenda was the assessment on the Chamber of Commerce building, which has been demolished to make room for the new building. Mr. Bray stated that he was approached by the President of the Chamber of Commerce regarding their assessment for this property. They would like the Board to reduce their assessment to reflect the time the property is vacant. The Board agreed that this assessment would be re evaluated at the time the new assessments are submitted. This information will be forward to the proper person to make sure this is addressed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 A.M.

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**Ronald Davison, Vice Chairman**

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