

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2010
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, June 2, 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. Bell, Mr. Seneca, Chief Gorski and Ms. Emery. Ms. Hawkins was 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 Meetings of May 12 and May 26, 2010. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meetings of May 12 and May 26, 2010 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Seneca advised the Board that he and the Chief went to E-One and toured the facility. A short discussion ensued.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Chief advised the Board that several more customer satisfactions surveys have been received, all with positive responses. He feels he has enough data to create a database for this information.

The Chief showed the Commissioners a plaque that will be displayed in each of the stations. This plaque has the Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Values and the Slogan/Motto.

Chief Gorski advised the Commissioners that he met with Tom Burns from the Charlotte County Building Department. Mr. Burns stated that he will keep us updated regarding building in the District. The Chief also met with Chief Didio of Charlotte County to discuss the possibility of moving the District's boundaries. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Chief advised the Board that he met with the Rotonda West Homeowners Association, was part of the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Chamber of Commerce's new building and attended the Englewood United Methodist Church's Men's Club Breakfast.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that we have been invited to participate in the Elks Lodge Senior Safety Workshop. At that workshop The Elks would also like to recognize the District's firefighters that are veterans.

Assistant Chief Lane reminded the Board that the Academy is having their graduation ceremony at the Suncoast Auditorium on Saturday, June 5th at 6:00 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Gorski updated and gave the Commission a handout (copy attached) regarding the oil spill situation. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski and Assistant Chief Lane updated the Commissioners regarding the status of the Flashover Simulator. A short discussion ensued.

The Fire Boat Grant is in the final phase and we are on the top of the list for full funding. Chief Gorski would like to put together a trip to the plant in Edgewater that builds Boston Whalers, the boat he would like to have as the fire boat. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Chief addressed the bid specifications for architectural design. He would like feedback from the Commission.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that the For Sale signs have been placed on the lots owned by the District.

The Chief addressed the Fire Act Grants and advised the Board that he have applied for two grants, one for the radios and one for a mobile cascade unit. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski addressed the Crown Castle lease for Station 71 and advised the Board that he has the contract up to \$1.6 million which will be paid over a four year period. He would like to finalize this agreement so he could begin to work on a similar agreement with Sarasota County. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Chief advised the Board that the District's auditors were here last week to work on the 2008-2009 Audit.

Mr. Davison advised the Board that the written Chief's report was omitted from any discussion and asked if there were any questions regarding this report.

The Chief would like to move to the new business portion of the agenda to discuss the Impact Fee rates and then address the Strategic Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chief presented a power point presentation (copy attached) regarding Impact Fees. It is his opinion the District should roll back the impact fee rates to the 2006 rates, which were prior to the significant increase in the rates. Hopefully this will stimulate the economy and growth in Englewood. A lengthy discussion ensued. The Chief presented a resolution that addressed the Impact Fee Rates. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented by Chief Gorski to roll back the Impact Fee rates to the 2006 rates, prior to the significant increase. Mr. Bray amended his motion to include changes in the resolution's wording to include the categories for Industrial and Institutional within the Commercial category. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS - CONTINUED:

The Chief continued the discussion from the last Board Meeting regarding the District's Strategic Plan. He addressed the seven goals for the plan (copy attached). They are as follows:

- 1 - Reaching out to our Community through Education,
- 2 – Developing our employees and our organization,
- 3 – Enhance the utilization of technology throughout the Fire District,
- 4 – Deploy our resources effectively,
- 5 – Develop Level of Service Plan,
- 6 – Improve our existing and future Infrastructure
- 7 – Develop a Long Range Financial Plan.

Mr. Bray made a motion to accept the seven goals for the District's Strategic Plan as presented and to proceed with process of completing this plan. It was seconded by Mr. Seneca and passed unanimously.

The Chief reminded the Board he will be on vacation next week.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that he and the staff are working on job descriptions for all positions within the District.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 A.M.

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Ronald Davison, Vice Chairman

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Attest