

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2011**  
**FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**  
**THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

Wednesday August 10, 2011, 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 9:04 A.M. by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Davison. Those present were: Mr. Davison, Mr. Bray, Mr. Bacon, Chief Gorski and Ms. Emery. Ms. Hawkins and Mr. Kern were not in attendance.

**Citizen recognition:**

Chief Gorski presented Mr. Davison with a plaque in recognition of his completion of the Certified District Official Course offered by the Florida Association of Special Districts. The Chief explained the benefits of this course and said that only 8 fire districts have a Commissioner with this certificate. He feels it is an honor to be one of them. A short discussion ensued.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

No one wished to address the Board at this time.

**MINUTES FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:**

Mr. Davison asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the minutes from the Board Meeting of July 27, 2011. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of July 27, 2011 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Bacon and passed unanimously.

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

No correspondence had been received.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

There were no commissioner's comments at this time.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

The Chief advised the Board that Boots won the Boots and Badges Blood Drive, with 186 donations to 126 for Badges. He will try to get the trophy so it can be displayed at the Administration Building.

Chief Gorski updated the Board regarding the use of fuel through the Charlotte County School Board and advised the Board that we are now using this site for our fuel.

The Chief advised the Board that Lackey Roofing has checked the roof at Station 74 and will be repairing the leak on the quarter's side. He went on to state that the roof at Station 74 has had issues since it was constructed. He is looking into getting prices to replace the current flat roof with a pitched roof which should resolve the leak issues. A short discussion ensued. This will be discussed further at a later date.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that he is working on getting a smoke alarm program in place. He and Chief Lane have met with Home Depot and they donated 18 smoke alarms to get the program started. He feels that there are homes in the District that do not have smoke alarms. This program will educate the public regarding the importance of smoke alarms.

The Chief stated that we received an EMS Grant from Sarasota County for approximately \$2,700.00. This grant will be used for EMS supplies and medical equipment that will enhance our services.

The Chief stated that Chief Lane is working on a grant from Fire House Subs for equipment.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that he is meeting with companies regarding redoing our web site. A short discussion ensued.

There will be two things added to the August 24<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. First, are employee recognition awards and second, the auditors will present and discuss the 2010 Fiscal Year Audit.

The Chief would like to have another Board Meeting to discuss and approve the budget. He suggested September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. at Station 74 the Board agreed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Chief discussed and handed out reports addressing, in detail the projected budgets, (operating, impact fee and training) for the Fiscal Year 2012 (copies of reports are attached for the record). A very lengthy discussion ensued. The budgets will be discussed further and approved at the September 7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Chief Gorski explained the projected assessment rates and handed out several reports (copies attached for the record) regarding the rates. The rates can be raised a maximum of 3.19%. The projected rates are as follows: Residential \$140.57, Vacant Lots \$57.47, Churches \$0.13 per square foot, Nursing Homes, Commercial, Institutional, Warehouse & Industrial \$0.20 per square foot (non residential) and Hotel/Motel will be changed from a unit cost to a square foot cost of \$0.20 per square foot (same as non residential). A lengthy discussion ensued. The Chief will continue to work on the assessment rates which will be discussed at the September 7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

The Chief advised the Board that there might be repercussions when the TRIM notices are sent out. This will be due to the fact that several properties will be assessed that were not in the past. For example, the Harbor at Lemon Bay, 900 S. McCall Road. A short discussion ensued.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Chief notified the Board that the new ISO rating has been received and it has been lowered from a 5/9 to a 4. This ISO rating will save the residences of the District approximately 5% in their insurance premiums. He and Chief Lane will be addressing additional issues that can bring the rating down to a 3 which could save the residents an additional 3%. A lengthy discussion ensued.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

No one wished to address the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

\_\_\_\_\_ DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ronald Davison, Vice Chairman**

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**Attest**

