

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2011**  
**FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**  
**THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

Wednesday, August 24, 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 9:01 A.M. by the Chairman, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Davison, Mr. Bray, Mr. Kern, Mr. Bacon, Chief Gorski and Ms. Emery.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

No one wished to address the Board at this time.

**AUDITORS REPORT:**

Mr. Richard Cristini from Davidson, Jamieson & Cristini, P.L., the District's auditing firm, explained in detail the audit for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Mr. Bacon made a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Audit as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Bray and passed unanimously.

**MINUTES FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:**

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the minutes from the Board Meeting of August 10, 2011. Mr. Bacon made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of August 10, 2011 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

**SECRETARY/TREASURERS REPORT:**

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions or corrections regarding the Treasurer's Reports for July 2011. The Chief explained the revenues and expenditures for July. Mr. Bacon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2011 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Bray and passed unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

There were no Commissioner comments at this time.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

The Chief handed out the customer satisfaction survey results that were received, all with positive responses.

Chief Gorski addressed the savings we are receiving by using the fuel from both Sarasota and Charlotte Counties. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief is continuing to research firms regarding the redesigning of the District's website. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Chief reminded the Board of the 8:00 A.M., September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. This meeting will be to further discuss and adopt the budget. The Chief would like to schedule an executive session for that meeting. The executive session would be to update the Board regarding the union contract.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that he spoke with Chief Didio from Charlotte County regarding the MSBU for the Barrier Islands fire protection. A few options were presented regarding this fire protection. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Chief Lane advised the Board that the motor on Engine 72 has been competed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chief Gorski addressed several items within the budget and explained his projected cuts (copies of his projected cuts are attached). A lengthy discussion ensued.

During this discussion of the budget the Board allowed Mr. Jonathan Cole to address the Board. Mr. Cole stated that he is pleased with all the hard work the Chief has put in regarding the methodology for the assessment rates. He feels it is the right thing to do and the Chief is doing a great job.

The Board continued to work on the budget cuts. The budget will be finalized and approved at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

The Chief presented and explained the Capitol Improvement Plan to the Board (copy attached for the record). This plan gives a projection of activities that may happen in the future. The plan also addresses the projected costs associated with these activities. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The TRIM notices have gone out. These notices advise the residents of the District of the potential assessment rates. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Bacon wanted the Chief to explain how the public can have input in our budget process. The Chief explained that the public has had access to the budget since May 2010 and their questions have been answered.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business addressed.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Mr. Paul Scionti wanted to thank the Board for all their work. He feels in the future that the Board should be more forth coming with the dates of when the budget and assessment rate will be discussed. The Chief is hopeful the web site will cover this.

Mr. Dan Eisenberg advised the Board that there is a risk of 36 to 1 leverage ratio on the pension. He explained what that means and suggested that the Board look into what this risk means. A short discussion ensued

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

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**Denise Hawkins, Chairman**

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**Attest**

