

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2011**  
**FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**  
**THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

Wednesday, January 26, 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 9:00 A.M. by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Davison. Those present were: Mr. Davison, Mr. Kern, Mr. Bacon, Chief Gorski and Ms. Emery. Ms. Hawkins and Mr. Bray were not in attendance.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

No one from the public 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 January 12, 2011. Mr. Kern made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of January 12, 2011 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Bacon and passed unanimously.

**SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Davison asked if there were any question or corrections to the Treasurer's Report of December 2010. Mr. Bacon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2010, subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Kern and passed unanimously. The Chief advised the Board that he spoke with Barbara Ford Coates, Tax Collector for Sarasota County, who advised him that people have sent in their tax payments earlier this year than in previous years. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief advised the Board that the legislative session is beginning and there are bills being presented that may affect Special Districts. He will keep the Board and Ms. Emery updated.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

There were no Commissioner comments at this time.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

The Chief advised the Board that he has a meeting scheduled for noon, Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> with the Chief of Little Gasparilla Island to discuss a mutual aid agreement. A lengthy discussion ensued. He should have a signed agreement from them to present at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that the 12 Volunteers started their orientation on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Chief addressed the status of two engines; the ladder truck (truck 71) and the teleboom. A lengthy discussion ensued. This will be discussed further at the February 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that the Bay Flight training started on Monday and will continue until Wednesday. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Chief advised the Board that in April we will participate in the annual Sarasota-Bradenton Airport's mass casualty drill. This year it will be a hands on drill.

The Chief notified the Board that on February 1<sup>st</sup> Sarasota County will be holding their surplus furniture distribution. This furniture will be of no cost to the District.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that at the February 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting there will be another group of journeymen receiving their certificates.

Chief Gorski stated that in our Strategic Plan there is an objective to start a Citizens Academy. This Academy would get the citizens involved in learning more about the fire service. A lengthy discussion ensued.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Chief updated the Board regarding the cost comparison of funding with neighboring departments. A lengthy discussion ensued. A copy of the information is attached for the record.

Chief Gorski stated that he is still working on the assessments and will give a report at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Chief addressed the Non Ad Valorem Assessment Rates for residential and non residential properties within the state of Florida (copies attached for the record). A lengthy discussion ensued.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

No one from the public wished to address the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 A.M.

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**Ronald Davison, Vice Chairman**

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**Attest**

**Bdmt January 26, 2011**