

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 13, 2011
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, July 13, 2011, 9:00 A.M.
Meeting held at the Englewood Sports Complex,
1300 River Road, Englewood, Florida 34223

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.

Citizen recognition:

Chief Gorski explained the reason for this recognition, which was to honor the quick actions of two friends, Joey Adams, Tyler Nelson and a fisherman, Denver Gillian in preventing the drowning of Austin Crum. The Chief presented certificates of appreciation to Joey Adams, Tyler Nelson and Denver Gillian for their heroic efforts in assisting with the saving of Austin Crum's life.

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 June 22, 2011. Mr. Kern made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of June 22, 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 reminded the Board about the Boots and Badges Blood Drive. The bloodmobile will be at the Administration Building, July 14th and 15th from 7:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Everyone is encouraged to come down and donate blood for Boots.

Chief Gorski updated the Board regarding the use of fuel through Charlotte County. He advised the Board that we have been approved to use their fuel and should be able to start by the first of August 2011.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that the old fire boat has been sold on GovDeals for \$17,124.00. The estimated value of this boat was between \$8,000.00 and \$10,000.00.

He reminded the Board that at the July 27th Board Meeting there will be an executive session at 9:00.

Chief Gorski and Chief Lane met with the Chief of Nokomis Fire and were advised that they were awarded a Safer Grant for approximately \$400,000.00 over a period of four years. This grant is for the recruitment and retention of volunteers. Chief Bearse would like to use Englewood's Training Academy to train these volunteers. He will send MOU for this training in the next few weeks. We will receive approximately \$52,000.00 to \$53,000.00 per year for this training.

The Chief addressed Engine 72 and its engine repairs and explained the cost to repair the engine is not as high as expected. The new estimate is approximately \$10,000.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Chief met with residents of Palm Island and Don Padro Island to discuss their fire protection. He presented an updated/corrected version of the feasibility study that was presented at last Board Meeting (copy attached for the record). Chief Gorski stated that the District's enabling act allows for us to provide fire protection beyond the District boundaries providing it is in cooperation with another governmental entity. Charlotte County is holding a Public Hearing regarding this issue on July 21, at 5:01 P.M. at the Tringali Center, in Englewood. A lengthy discussion ensued where Commissioners voiced their concerns. The Board allowed Richard Sadenwater, Valerie Guenther and Bill Peterson, all residents of Islands, to comment on this issue. Mr. Bacon made a motion to authorize the Chief to proceed with the process of submitting a proposal to Charlotte County for the District to provide fire service to the Barrier Island Fire Protection MSBU. It was seconded by Mr. Kern and passed unanimously.

The Chief addressed the cost sharing between the District and Training Center. This issue has been addressed during the last two Board Meetings and the Commission questioned the way it has been done. The training center reimburses the operating account for costs incurred by the training center but paid out the operating account. In researching past Board Meetings tapes the Chief and Assistant Chief found that the last time this issue was addressed was October 28th, 2009. At that time no recommendations were made. It was at the recommendation of the District's auditors at that a separate account be created to track tuition monies and costs attributed to the training center. Based on their recommendation this is the procedure that has been followed. The Chief stated that since May of 2009 the training center has been 100% self sufficient. In addition, the training center has paid for the on line computer education program from the Center for Learning and the cost of the Flashover Simulator, both of which the District's firefighters benefit from. The Chief looked at the percentages regarding the use of training center. He learned that the students use the Training Center for courses, 49% of the time and the District uses the facility 51% of the time. It was the Chief's recommendation that we continue to have the training center pay 100% of their operating expenses. At the end of each fiscal year when the profit for the center is determined it can be split between the District and the Center. It is recommended that in fiscal year 2013 the Center reimburses the District 25% of the profit, this would allow the center to have enough start up money to operate the next class. At the end of fiscal year 2014 the training center would start reimbursing 50% of the profit to the District. A short discussion ensued. This will be discussed further at the July 27th Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Several island residents addressed the Board regarding fire protection, barge availability and CPR Classes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 P.M.

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Ronald Davison, Vice Chairman

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Bdmt July 13, 2011