

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 27, 2011
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, July 27, 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.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:01 A.M. - 9:28 A.M.

The Board reconvened the Board Meeting at 9:28 A.M. to allow Mr. Merv Kennel from Local 2546 to present helmets to Mr. Davison and Mr. Bray for their participation in the first Citizens Academy held in October 2010. The District partnered with the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 2546 to hold this academy. A short discussion ensued. Both Commissioners thanked the union.

The Board went back into Executive Session at 9:38 A.M. – 10:40 A.M.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Mr. Joe Blais addressed the Board regarding the upcoming 10th Year Anniversary of 911. He feels that we should work with the counties to commemorate this occasion. He also discussed the Community Emergency Response Team and how he would like to activate this team as well as the Fire Wise Program..

Mr. Dan Eisenberg addressed the Board regarding the contract negotiations. He would like to know when information will be released to the public. Ms. Hawkins and Chief Gorski advised him that this information will be release after the contract is signed and approved, but the negotiation sessions are open to the public.

MINUTES FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the minutes from the Board Meeting of July 13, 2011. Mr. Kern made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of July 13, 2011 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Bacon and passed unanimously.

SECRETARY/TREASURERS REPORT:

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions or corrections regarding the Treasurer's Reports for June 2011. The Chief explained the revenues that were received in June. Mr. Kern made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2011 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Davison 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.

The Chief advised the Board the bloodmobile was at the Administration Building for the annual Boots and Badges Blood Drive. We had 31 donors from Englewood. Boots are ahead in the competition 80 units of blood to 32 units for Badges.

He advised the Board that Lemon Bay High School is nearing completion of their gymnasium and our Fire Stations will be doing a walk-through sometime next week.

Senate Bill SB 224 has passed (copy attached for the record). This bill addresses all forms of government. It requires our budget to be posted on our web site two days prior to its adoption and 30 days once it is adopted.

The Chief gave the Commissioners a preliminary draft of the MOU with Nokomis Volunteer Fire Department. This MOU is for Englewood to provide Minimum Standards Firefighting courses for up to 15 students at the cost of \$3,750.00 per student. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski addressed the TRIM information and advised the Board that all our information has been submitted to both counties. A TRIM notice advises the public of the highest amount we could charge on our assessment. This amount could change, but only downward.. A short discussion ensued.

In August there may be another date selected for a third Board Meeting. This would be to discuss and tentatively adopt the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year budget.

At the August 24th the District's auditors will be present and discuss the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year audit.

The Chief addressed the lease for the 800 Radios. A short discussion ensued. It is the Chief's recommendation that at the completion of the lease we purchase these radios outright for approximately \$15,000.00.

The Chief received portable impact suction units for all our engines plus spares from Sarasota County. This was at no cost to the District as it was surplus equipment from the county.

Chief Lane advised the Board that one engine should be back in service next week.

Chief Gorski stated that the boat is on the lift. He would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony to give recognition for the WCIND grant and to Sarasota County for providing space and the lift for the boat. A short discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Chief addressed the cost sharing between the Training Center and the District. This has been addressed before with no recommendation being made. It is the Chief's recommendation that at the end of the fiscal year, after the profit for the Training Center is determined, that this profit be split between the District and the Training Center as follows: Fiscal Year 2011 the Training Center will reimburse 100% of all instructor cost and starting in Fiscal Year 2013 the Training Center will reimburse 25% of the profit to the District and in Fiscal Year 2014 and each fiscal year thereafter 50% of the profit will be reimbursed. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Davison made a motion that at the end of the fiscal year, after the profit for the Training Center is determined, that this profit be split between the District and the Training Center as follows: Fiscal Year 2011 the Training Center will reimburse 100% of all instructor cost and starting in Fiscal Year 2013 the Training Center will reimburse 25% of the profit to the District and in Fiscal Year 2014 and each fiscal year thereafter 50% of the profit will be reimbursed. These percentages would be subject to review on an annual basis. It was seconded by Mr. Bray and it passed unanimously

The Chief updated the Commission regarding fire protection to Barrier Island Fire Protection MSBU. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Chief Gorski advised the Board Chief Lane and Chief McCord will be meeting Charlotte County Public School Board personnel to set up the procedure for the use of their fuel.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business addressed.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Mr. Joseph Blais continued his discussion regarding the Fire Wise Program.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

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Denise Hawkins, Chairman

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Attest

Bdmt July 27, 2011