

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9TH, 2011
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, November 9th, 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 Chair, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Davison, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Bray, Chief Gorski and Ms. Emery. Mr. Kern was not in attendance.

SERVICE AWARDS:

Chief Gorski presented service awards to the following persons: BC Alvaro Sardina and Lt. Dino Fanti for 25 years of service and FF John Lichtenstein and Lt. Chris Davis (not in attendance) for 10 years of service.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

No one from the public wished to address the Board.

MINUTES FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the minutes from the Board Meeting of October 26, 2011. Mr. Bacon made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of October 26, 2011 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Bray and passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Mr. Davison presented a draft copy of an evaluation form to be used for the evaluation of the Chief. He would like to have the commissioners review this draft and make changes. This will be discussed further at a future Board Meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Gorski addressed the mutual aid/automatic aid agreement between the District and Sarasota County and advised the Board that the Sarasota County Commission will meet on November 15th to discuss this agreement.

The Chief notified the Board that on November 15th Sarasota County will be holding an open house for their surplus equipment, which we will be attending.

The Chief advised the Board that Ms. Hawkins submitted a letter where she addressed abstaining from any vote regarding the inter local agreement, MSBU, for the barrier islands.

Chief Lane worked with the City of North Port Fire Department regarding a competitive EVOC training course. We will be competing against North Port.

Bay Flight 2 will be holding their annual open house November 17th from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at 500 Center Road, Sarasota. This year they will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Chief asked the Commissioners if they would like to respond by sending thank you letters to members of the public who donate to the District. The Board would like the Chief to continue handling these thank you letters.

The Chief updated the Board regarding the upcoming legislation dealing with Special Districts. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Lane advised the Board that the graduation for the current academy class will be December 7th at 6:00 P.M. and will be held at the Suncoast Auditorium.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Gorski updated the Commission regarding the Barrier Island fire protection inter-local agreement. He stated that he spoke to Chief DiDio and the agreement should be in his office this week. When it is received he and Ms. Emery will review it and report back to the Board.

The Chief stated that twenty new applications for volunteers have been processed and they have begun their training. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Chief presented a Travel Policy as requested. After further investigation he found an old policy from 2008 that is in place. He would like the Board's approval to update the 2008 policy. The Board approved his request. This policy is for all employees of the District.

Chief Gorski presented a power point presentation along with a detailed explanation regarding the new Fund Balance Reporting Policy (copy of the presentation is attached for the record). A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Board recessed from 10:31 to 10:45.

NEW BUSINESS:

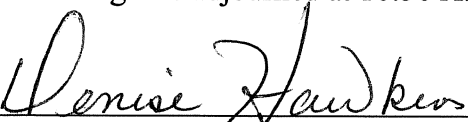
The Chief addressed the Commissioner By Laws that have not been updated since 1984. He would like to bring them up to date.

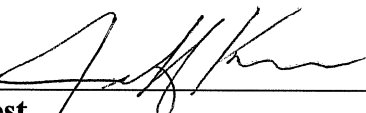
Ms. Hawkins addressed the December 28th Board Meeting. It was the consensus of the Board that this meeting be cancelled.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Paul Scionti addressed the Board and thanked the Chief for sending a truck and firefighter to the Fall Festival. He stated that the men were delightful, very nice men. The next subject he wanted to address was regarding the Barrier Island MSBU. He would like to know who is in charge. The Chief addressed his question stating that Englewood will be in charge. A short discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.


_____ DATED: 12-14-11
Denise Hawkins, Chair


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Attest