

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 11th, 2012
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, January 11th, 2012, 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 Chairperson, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Davison, Mr. Kern, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Bray, Chief Gorski and Ms. Emery.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Lt. Don Rossow addressed the Board and thanked Chief Gorski, Commissioners Bray, Davison and Hawkins for the donations and attendance at the Bikes for Tikes bike presentation. It meant a lot to him and the firefighters that they were involved. He stated that 28 bikes and 21 hams were given out. There was extra funds left over and with that money they will provide backpacks and supplies to children who otherwise would not be unable to afford them.

MINUTES FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the minutes from the Board Meeting of December 14th, 2011. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting December 14th, 2011 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

SECRETARY/FINANCIAL REPORT:

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any question or comments regarding the Financial Report for the month of November 2011. Mr. Kern made a motion to accept the Financial Report for November 2011 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Bray and passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Mr. Bacon asked the Chief to check on the hydrants located in Palm Island. The Chief advised the Board that he is already addressing this and the firefighters will be marking the hydrants for identification.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Gorski advised the Board that Chief Lane is at a meeting in Nokomis regarding joint hiring. This would be a saving to all fire departments involved.

Chief Gorski and Chief Lane are in the process of putting together the 2011 Annual Report.

Chief Gorski presented the customer satisfaction surveys received over the past month, all with positive responses.

The Chief presented the Board with a copy of an article from the Fire Service Magazine discussing our smoke alarm program.

The Chief advised the Board that a new tab has been added to our Home Page entitled Fire Prevention Tips. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief advised the Board that at the February Board Meeting service awards will be presented.

Chief Gorski updated the Commission regarding the 2012 Legislative Session. This year, as expected, they will be discussing special districts as a whole. He will keep the Board aware of any changes that may affect the District. A short discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Chief addressed and gave each Commissioner a copy of the Commissioner By-Laws for their review. He would like to discuss and vote on these by-laws at February Board Meeting.

Chief Gorski presented the Board Meeting schedule for 2012. This schedule addresses the date, time and location of the Board Meetings (copy attached for the record). He suggested having one meeting on Palm Island, the Commission agreed. The Chief will schedule that meeting for March 21, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. Mr. Bacon made a motion to accept the meeting schedule as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Davison and passed unanimously.

The Chief presented the updated Travel Policy along with a resolution for the Board's approval. He advised the Board this was addressed and adopted at the December Board Meeting but it was never signed. After a short discussion Mr. Davison made a motion to accept the Travel Policy, for all District employees as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Kern and passed unanimously.

Chief Gorski addressed the Barrier Island fire protection. He advised the Board that as of January 1st our volunteers have been staffing the island's fire station from 1900 to 0730. It is going very well with volunteer training continuing. The Chief also addressed property addresses. A lengthy discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chief addressed the Strategic Plan and advised the Board he would like to hold a workshop to start discussions regarding the changes and updates that are needed. The Board agreed upon February 24th, 2012, 9:00 A.M. to hold the workshop at the Training Facility.

The Chief addressed a False Alarms policy and advised the Board that he will put together an ordinance/resolution to give the Board options regarding types of alarms and procedures on billing. He feels we need to get a handle on handling these false alarms. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Ms Hawkins advised the Board that in January the elections of officers is usually held. This year it will be done at the February Board Meeting.

Mr. Davison addressed the Chief's evaluation forms. Ms Hawkins stated that the last one was just received and it will be discussed at the February Board Meeting.

Mr. Davison advised the Board of a member of his church asking if the District was soliciting for money. He had advised her that the District does not solicit funds from the public, it may be the firefighters local doing the soliciting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No one from the public addressed the Board.

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

Denise Hawkins DATED: 2.15.12
Denise Hawkins, Chairperson

Ronald Davis DATED: 2/15/12
Attest

Bdmt January 11, 2012