

**BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes – April 13, 2026
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Jeffery Maturo - Chairman
Steve Lohan – Vice Chairman
Tommy Hugo – Secretary/Treasurer
James Murphy – Commissioner
Jeff Kerr – Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt – Chief
Jason Brod – Assistant Chief
Andrew Schmidt – Deputy Chief
Eric Scholz – Fire Marshal
Beverly Gervasi – Finance Director
Anna-Marie Waller – Admin Coordinator

Chairman Maturo called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chaplain Chitwood began the meeting with a moment of silence to remember the fallen firefighters and their families, as well as our military personnel and their families. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the March 9, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lohan seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Kerr motioned to approve the March 2026 Financials, including purchase orders (P.O.'s) exceeding \$10,000.00. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

PRESENTATIONS

Lieutenant Gabriel Puente received his Lieutenant's pin for his promotion.

UNION BUSINESS

Local 3444 Union President Roy Brown was in Tallahassee conducting interviews regarding the gubernatorial race. Legislatively, he and the Union are working to get the COLA restored for FRS.

Also, the Fourth of July Parade website is up and running.

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy asked about the fire at the Picayune Strand State Park and whether any of our crews were being deployed to render aid. Brush Truck 24 was sent to assist.

Commissioner Kerr wanted to discuss the delayed response times for Lee County EMS. It was decided that the discussion will continue at the May meeting.

Commissioner Maturo inquired as to whether we are prepared for higher fuel prices and operational costs. Chief DeWitt responded that the District is in good shape financially and that it is a non-issue right now.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- All 11 hired recruits passed their physicals and background checks. They will begin their six-week orientation on April 27, 2026, and should be on shift by mid-June.
- Business After Hours is April 23, 2026, at PLC Closets.
- The INCredible Awards are on May 12, 2026, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point.
- The Chamber golf tournament is May 29, 2026, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Tiburon Golf Club.
- 10 firefighters are attending FDIC, beginning April 19 through April 25, 2026.
- E27 is in Fort Myers and is almost complete.
- The High Water/Brush Truck is delayed due to delays at International Cabs.
- One of the UTV's is here and will be housed at Station 21, and the other will be here the week of April 20th and will be housed at Station 26.
- Burn ban is still in effect for Lee, Collier, Glades, and Hendry counties.
- The Florida Fire Chiefs' Association held its meeting at the district.
- There will be several special legislative sessions over the upcoming months, focusing on redistricting, tax reform, and the budget.
- Lee County Sheriff's Office is housing one of its drones at Station 21.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.** Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.