

**BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**Minutes – February 10, 2025
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
Kelli Wilson – Deputy Chief
Beverly Gervasi – Finance Director

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

Chaplain Chitwood began the meeting with a moment of silence for the fallen firefighters and their families. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the January 13, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.
Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the January 2025 Financials, including P.O.'s over \$10,000.00. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Kerr asked about a Dive Rescue Team. Chief DeWitt said a HOOKAH Rig with a 50' hose was ordered. Training and certifications will be required. It would be used for extended recovery or searches in conjunction with surface water rescue. Commissioner Maturo appointed Commissioner Kerr as the point of contact.

Commissioner Maturo remarked that a plaque for Station 27 is needed now that it is complete.

He also stated that Station 21 wants to start a Pickle Ball League. Chief DeWitt remarked that it would have to be off duty due to the chance of injury and Workers' Comp issues.

DISPOSALS

There were no disposals this month.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy asked about the Hickory Boulevard property. As of the first of the year, there have been 2 to 3 showings but no offers. Chief DeWitt met with Community Development and was told the building does not need to be torn down

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Maturo asked about the gyroscopic binoculars. Chief DeWitt replied that Deputy Chief Wilson got a pair, and the crews are evaluating them.

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- The FASD Legislative Forum is meeting from March 24th through the 27th.
- At the end of February, a USAR Mobilization Exercise will be in Jacksonville. They will simulate a hurricane and hazmat situation. Five people from the district will participate. They are DC Schmidt, Training Captain Bostin, and three others.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Maturo thanked Union President Roy Brown and all the members of Local 3444 for supporting one of their own who recently lost his son.

Alex Grant discussed indoor air quality after a wildfire and what can be done to mitigate the effects. He also offered a disabled vehicle for the extrication team to use. He commented that at the next meeting, he would like to discuss evacuation from this area due to another hurricane.

The meeting adjourned 5:20 p.m.