

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

**Minutes – March 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
Andrew Schmidt – Deputy Chief
Kelli Wilson – 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 in remembrance of the fallen firefighters and their families. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kerr motioned to approve the February 10, 2025, Executive Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the February 10, 2025, Financials, including purchase orders (P.O.'s) exceeding \$10,000.00. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Maturo inquired about the status of a traffic light at Snell Lane. Chief DeWitt explained that he approached the developers of both developments about them covering the cost of a light, and they both declined. The Chief will continue to investigate obtaining a light at the corner.

PRESENTATIONS

Training Captain Kelli Wilson was promoted to Deputy Chief of EMS.

Ms. Bonnie Kearns did a presentation on her experience as a nurse after the 911 attack on the World Trade Center.

DISPOSALS

Commissioner Kerr motioned to approve the February disposals. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Kerr commented that he is still researching the scuba equipment. When his research is complete, he will organize and present the information.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Congratulations to Dylan Hood for being named the VFW's "Firefighter of the Year" and to Christian Mayfield for "EMT of the Year."
- Chief DeWitt and Commissioner Lohan are attending the FASD Legislative Forum from March 25th through the 27th.
- "Business After Hours" will be held at Swamp Cat Brewing Company on March 27, 2025, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- The Greater Naples Fire Department is using the training area for their recruits.
- The hiring process is underway for six new firefighters.
- Due to state government regulations, we are no longer permitted to use Chinese-made drones. The District has received a grant to purchase an American-made drone. FDLE will dispose of the old drone. The Chief also stated that the District has two trained drone pilots: Deputy Chief Schmidt and Lieutenant Payne.
- A couple of groups are considering the restaurant. The Chief will meet with them at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.
- The City of Bonita will hold a Town Hall meeting with District 3 Commissioner David Mulicka and Lee County Manager Dave Harner in the board room on March 27, 2025.
- The annual report will include district statistics as required by state statutes, including those from the Performance Review. Last year, 9,165 calls were run in the district, representing an 8% increase over the previous year, or 675 additional calls.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Maturo motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lohan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.