

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

**Minutes – December 3, 2018  
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Steve Lohan – Chairman  
James Murphy – Secretary/Treasurer  
Edward FitzGerald - Commissioner  
Jeffrey Maturo – Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Joseph V. Daigle – Fire Chief  
Greg DeWitt – Assistant Chief  
Richard Scott – Deputy Chief  
Eric Madden – Deputy Chief  
Tim Fernandez – Fire Marshal  
Lisa Gendron – Admin. Finance Director  
Chrissy Biel – Admin. Coordinator

Absent:

Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. – Vice Chairman

Chairman Lohan called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Chaplain Chitwood gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no public comment on agenda items.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Commissioner Maturo made a motion to keep the current officers in place. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 3-1 with Commissioner FitzGerald dissenting.**

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2018 MINUTES**

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the November 5, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 4-0.**

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2018 FINANCIALS**

Commissioner Maturo made a motion to approve the November 2018 Financials and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 4-0.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

Assistant Chief DeWitt presented Chief Daigle with a pin for 25 years of service. Chief Daigle presented pins for 25 years of service to Lieutenant Paul Canning, Battalion Chief Cesar Sanchez III, and Deputy Chief Richard Scott; pins for 10 years of service to Chairman Steve Lohan and Lieutenant Roy Brown; and pins for one year of service to Fire Inspectors William DiSarro and Jessica Tinkelpaugh.

**COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS**

Commissioner Murphy expressed his gratitude to all who supported him during the election.

Commissioner Maturo asked Deputy Chiefs Scott and Madden if the District is doing everything it can to minimize risk to its firefighters. Deputy Chief Scott gave examples of the District's

efforts to protect the firefighters. Deputy Chief Madden discussed new protocol for decontamination on scene. Assistant Chief DeWitt discussed annual physicals for firefighters and a grant received from the State that paid for new decontamination kits for each truck at no cost to taxpayers. Chairman Lohan discussed the importance of the Cancer Presumption Bill. Commissioner Murphy discussed the importance of raising awareness about tragedies.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Lohan requested an update on the potential fire station at Bonita Springs High School, and Chief Daigle stated that he will contact Marc Mora. Commissioner FitzGerald questioned how locations of new firehouses are sighted. Chairman Lohan discussed why the school location was chosen by the Board for consideration. Chief Daigle discussed the Fitch Study.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Disposal of Assets Report***

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the report and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 4-0.**

### ***Proposed 2019 Regular Meeting Dates***

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the 2019 meeting dates and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 4-0.**

### ***District Retirees Insurance Merging With Anchor Benefits***

Commissioner Maturo made a motion to approve District retirees' merging with Anchor Benefits and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 3-0 with Commissioner FitzGerald not voting.**

### ***Chief's Contract Adjustment in Accordance With Section 5(a), (b), (c)***

Commissioner Maturo made a motion to approve the contract adjustment and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 3-1 with Commissioner FitzGerald dissenting.**

## **CHIEF'S REPORTS**

### ***Chief Joseph Daigle***

Chief Daigle informed the Board that Lee County is revising their COPCN and that he is on a committee to try to work through some of the issues that could impact the District.

### ***Assistant Chief Greg DeWitt***

Assistant Chief DeWitt informed the Board about the Chilean firefighters training on site at Station Four.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.