

**BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes – November 10, 2025
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

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

Absent:

Jeff Kerr – Commissioner

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. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lohan motioned to approve the October 13, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the October 2025 Financials, including purchase orders (P.O.'s) exceeding \$10,000.00. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

UNION BUSINESS

November fundraising t-shirts are on sale, with \$4 from each sale going toward prostate cancer causes. Almost \$500.00 has been raised. Next year, they will be sold to the public.

The Union wants to thank Chief DeWitt for approving the Christmas shirts. The proceeds will go to the local Toys for Tots campaign. New designs for union t-shirts are being processed for approval.

The Armand Classic golf tournament was a great success. Spanish Wells was great to work with, and the turnout was excellent. The Classic raised over \$10,000.00, which will go directly to the Jeff Millican family.

The Florida Professional Firefighters will be following several bills being discussed during the upcoming legislative session.

And lastly, a happy birthday to Assistant Fire Marshal Brad Johnston, and a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Maturo conveyed Commissioner Kerr's request to table the vote on the Lease Agreement until the December meeting so that he could be there. Since there was no motion to table the vote, it was voted on at this meeting. Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the Lease Agreement on the restaurant property on Bonita Beach. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the purchase of Ladder Truck 22 and E-27. Commissioner Lohan seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the purchase of a new Brush Truck. Commissioner Lohan seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Congratulations to Station 21 for the outstanding job they did on the station for the Halloween celebration. The transformation of the station into a haunted house was unbelievable.
- 55 bills are being tracked in Tallahassee. 12-15 of them are regarding property tax reform.
- Two new Inspectors have been hired and will start on December 1, 2025.
- January 6 through January 20, 2026, the hiring process for four new firefighters will take place.
- Toys for Tots registration begins November 11, 2025.
- Veterans' Day program begins at 9:00 Tuesday morning.
- Chief DeWitt spoke with BC Millican, and he says he is planning to return to work.
- Due to the Toys for Tots setup, the next board meeting will be on Monday, December 1, 2025.
- Would like to schedule an Executive Session for December 1, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., to discuss the Chief's contract.
- Congratulations to DC Schmidt on being re-elected to the pension board. Pension Board meetings will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Alex Grant thanked the firefighters who came to help his wife on November 11, 2025. She has inoperable cancer. He commented that all prayers are appreciated.

Commissioner Lohan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.