

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

**Minutes – June 9, 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  
Eric Scholz – Fire Marshal

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**

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the May 12, 2025, Budget Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

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**APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

Chief DeWitt presented Battalion Chief Jeffrey Millican with his "25 Years of Service" pin.

**COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS**

Commissioner Hugo asked about Engine 29, which is outside the bay. Chief DeWitt explained that it was the school truck that had to be moved so Gear Wash could use the area where it usually sits.

Commissioner Kerr asked about contract negotiations and training with the new dive equipment. Regarding negotiations, Chief DeWitt explained that there have been two meetings so far. One was to establish the ground rules, and the second was to identify 12 to 15 districts for comparison. The third is coming up, and it will be an exchange of ideas when comparing like and kind fire districts.

The new dive equipment has arrived, and the trainers are taking time to familiarize themselves with it. In order for anyone to be trained on the equipment, they must be SCUBA certified.

## **DISPOSALS**

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the May disposals. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chief DeWitt discussed the sale of the property on Bonita Beach. There is a Letter of Intent from the prospective buyer.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief DeWitt presented the Annual Report. The Board agreed to publish it.

## **CHIEFS' REPORTS**

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

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- The new hires completed orientation and are on shift as of Monday, June 9, 2025.
- FASD begins June 15, 2025. Commissioners Lohan and Murphy will attend, along with Chief DeWitt.
- The EMS inspection occurred last week, and everything was in excellent order.
- GEARWASH arrived last week and will be here through this Wednesday. They are washing, inspecting, and repairing all gear.
- Engine 25 has arrived and will be in service in 2 to 3 weeks.
- Property numbers, the soft numbers indicate an approximate increase of 4%.
- The do not exceed the millage rate to be set at the July 14, 2025, board meeting.
- Hurricane season is here. The District is prepared. There are changes from the county regarding reimbursements.
- New portable radios have been ordered to replace the failing 12-year-old radios.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Alex Grant is concerned about hurricane evacuation routes since they are prone to flooding.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.