

**BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes – July 13, 2026
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt – Chief
Jason Brod – Asst. Chief
Andrew Schmidt – 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 and a prayer to remember the 7 fallen firefighters and their families, along with the mother of the District's Admin Coordinator. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve both the May 28, 2026, Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes and the June 1, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the June 2026 Financials, consisting of the purchase orders (P.O.) exceeding \$10,000.00. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

PRESENTATIONS

Firefighter Andrew Ctvrtnik was not present to receive his 10 Years of Service pin.

DISPOSALS

Commissioner Lohan motioned to approve the June 2026 disposals. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

UNION BUSINESS

Roy Brown, President of Local 3444, thanked the Commissioners and Chief for their support of the Fourth of July parade. Also thanked the sponsors. Wants to give the sponsors more payment options for next year. Also live-streamed the parade. The audio failed, but the video came out well.

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Kerr updated the board on the status of the dive team, saying they are moving forward.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Teresa Da Costa, of Ashley, Brown, & Smith, CPAs, presented the audit report. She reported that it was a clean audit and no issues were found.

Setting the tentative millage, Commissioner Murphy motioned to set the maximum millage at 1.9999. Commissioner Lohan seconded the motion. The motion failed with a vote of 2- 3, with Commissioners Maturo, Hugo, and Kerr casting dissenting votes

After some discussion, Commissioner Kerr motioned to set the maximum millage at 2.0100. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 -2, with Commissioners Lohan and Murphy casting dissenting votes.

Discussion of agenda item 12c was removed at the meeting.

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Florida Fire Chiefs Association had a meeting to discuss the elimination of property tax.
- There is a ropes operations class taking place now, and again in two weeks there will be a ropes technician class.
- The brush truck should be ready at the end of July.
- The squad should be ready at the end of December
- Former Bonita Springs Mayor Jay Arend and Alex Grant, who was one of the first volunteer firefighters in Bonita Springs, have passed away.

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Council Member Laura Carr said the July 4th Parade was fabulous.

Commissioner Lohan moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm.