

**BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes – May 11, 2026
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Jeffery Maturo - Chairman
Steve Lohan – Vice Chairman
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

Absent:

Tommy Hugo – Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman Maturo called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Maturo began the meeting with a moment of silence to remember the fallen firefighters and their families followed by a prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lohan motioned to approve the April 13, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Kerr motioned to approve the April 2026 Financials, including purchase orders (P.O.'s) exceeding \$10,000.00. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

PRESENTATIONS

The Phoenix Award – Battalion Chief Giovanni Zamora, Lieutenant Philip Kinsey, Firefighter Daniel Mitchell, Firefighter Kevin Schultz, Firefighter Jonathan Whitlock, and Firefighter Elliot Wilson, and LCEMS – Paramedic Jon Hidalgo, EMT Jonnathan Moreno, and LCSO Deputy Caleb Wray.

Lieutenant Sean Linehan received his Lieutenant's pin for his promotion.

Chief DeWitt recognized the Firefighters with 5 years of service. They are Firefighter Christopher Sanchez, Firefighter Kevin Schultz, and Firefighter William Scott (not in attendance).

He also recognized the Firefighters with 1 year of service. They are Firefighter Willie Bailey, Firefighter Joseph Blasi, Firefighter John Garcia, Firefighter Paxton Howard, Firefighter Walter Miret, and Firefighter Christopher Swanson.

UNION BUSINESS

Local 3444 Union Secretary Declan Allison commented that the preparations for the Fourth of July Parade are underway and if anyone is looking for sponsorship opportunities they can go on the website to sign up. T-shirts can also be pre-ordered on the website.

He also informed the board that Local 3444 President, Roy Brown, is in Tallahassee working to get the COLA restored for FRS.

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chief DeWitt remarked that long EMS response times for Bonita residents has been address. He said that Lee County dispatch can now interact with Collier County dispatch. It was agreed that if transport response for high priority or stroke victims was greater than 8 minutes 59 seconds, then Collier will be contacted. The best option would be for both counties to get Computer-Aided Dispatch Systems so both counties can see all calls. Commissioner Kerr was in agreement with these options.

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Thank you to all who worked on the Awards Banquet. They did an excellent job. It was well attended. Everyone had a good time. Along with the usual awards, there was a special recognition for BC Millican and his strength in recovering from his line of duty injury, and the crew who ran the call on him.
- May 12, 2026 is the SWFL Inc. INCredible Award banquet.
- The INCredible Awards are on May 12, 2026, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point.
- The Chamber golf tournament is May 29, 2026, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Tiburon Golf Club.
- There is no Business After Hours event for May. The one in June is June 25, 2026, at Millennial Brewing Company in Fort Myers.
- E27 is at Station 25 being outfitted. Will have it in service as soon as possible.
- This is the third week of orientation for the 11 new hires. All of them are doing great.
- The June meeting will be held on June 1, 2026, since FASD is June 7 through June 11, and 3 Commissioners, Chief DeWitt, Assistant Chief Brod, and HR Director Jenny Transou will be attending.
- June 1 the projected property tax value will be out. Also, Finance will be sending budget requests to all department heads.

Deputy Chief Wilson commented on her strike force deployment along with Firefighter Andrew Ctvrnik and Firefighter Robert Schmidt to Putnam, Clay, and Alachua counties.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Commissioner Lohan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.

APPROVED