

**BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
Minutes – October 13, 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  
Andrew Schmidt – Deputy Chief  
Kelli Wilson – Deputy Chief  
Brad Johnston – Assistant Fire Marshal  
Beverly Gervasi – Finance Director  
Anna-Marie Waller – Admin Coordinator

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 Hugo motioned to approve the September 8, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

Commissioner Kerr motioned to approve the September 24, 2025, Special Board Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

Commissioner Lohan motioned to approve the September 24, 2025, Final Millage and Final Budget Meeting Minutes. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS**

Commissioner Kerr motioned to approve the September 2025 Financials, including Budget Transfer #1, and purchase orders (P.O.'s) exceeding \$10,000.00. Commissioner Lohan seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

**DISPOSALS**

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

**UNION BUSINESS**

Union President Roy Brown thanked everyone for their work on the Collective Bargaining Agreement and for the ratification of the CBA. He also thanked Beverly Gervasi and her team for running the numbers and making the necessary changes in time for payroll. Mr. Brown also announced the sale of the Breast Cancer Awareness and Movember fundraising t-shirts. There are also two new union t-shirts available for purchase.

At this time, the Chief thanked Local 3444 for their assistance to the Millican family. Commissioner Maturo thanked everyone for ratifying the contract.

### **COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS**

Commissioner Maturo asked if the crews have had any issues on scene due to open carry. Chief DeWitt commented that there have been no issues and that LCSO always runs calls with our crews.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Restaurant sale – The attorney is reviewing the latest draft of the lease. Commissioner Maturo thanked Commissioner Lohan for following up on the progress of the sale.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the reappointment of Jim Kauffman to the Firefighters' Pension Board. Commissioner Lohan seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

### **CHIEFS' REPORTS**

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

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Business After Hours is October 23, 2025, at Backyard Social in Fort Myers.
- On October 28, 2025, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, there is a Local Delegation meeting at Florida SouthWestern State College. It is an opportunity to speak with area delegates and to determine if any local bills are pending before the Florida Legislature.
- Tuesday, October 14, 2025, Battalion Chief Millican is to be transferred from Gulf Coast Medical Center to the Shepherd Center in Buckhead, Georgia. The Atlanta Fire Chief and Chaplain will meet BC Millican and his wife at the airport.
- Deputy Chief Schmidt and Deputy Chief Wilson will be checking out a new moisture resistant barrier for our gear/boots.
- Engine 23 is back in service.
- We are waiting for a quote from 10-8 to refurbish Squad 21. The Squad could be down 6 to 9 months.
- Talked to Pierce about a multi-truck discount if we replace a truck and Ladder 22, and prepay 27. There will be a discussion at the next meeting on extending the chickee hut at Station 27.
- Commissioner Mike Greenwell's memorial service is Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at JetBlue Park. Chief DeWitt will be unable to attend if the Honor Flight is not canceled.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Alex Grant sent his best regards to BC Millican. Spoke about the infrastructure, making I-75 ten lanes, improving safety on the roads, a traffic signal by Station 24, and re-establishing passenger rail service,

Commissioner Lohan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. Commissioner Maturo adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.