

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

**Minutes – April 11, 2022
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Steve Lohan – Chairman
James Murphy – Secretary/Treasurer
Jeffery Maturo – Commissioner
Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. – Vice Chairman
Steven Slachta - Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt – Fire Chief
Richard Scott – Asst. Chief
Janet Washburn – Fire Marshal
Lisa Gendron – Admin-Finance Director
Anna-Marie Waller – Admin Coordinator

Chairman Lohan called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. There was a moment of silence for fallen firefighters and their families led by Chaplain Chitwood. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kosilla motioned to approve the March 14, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Slachta seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

Commissioner Maturo motioned to approve the March 14, 2022, Executive Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the March 2022 Financials, and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the Budgeted P.O.'s over \$10,000.00. Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

Commissioner Kosilla motioned to approve the CRS proposal for replacing network infrastructure. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Slachta thanked the A-Shift members of Station 25 for responding to the 911 call to his home.

PRESENTATIONS

Chief DeWitt presented Firefighters Allen Espinal, Daniel Mitchell, Brandle Tillman, and Carlos Phillips their pins. They are the most recent firefighters to join the District.

DISPOSALS

Commissioner Kosilla motioned to approve the disposal of one trailer, one suction unit, and the 1999 Ford F250. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the Annual Report. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the Firefighters' Pension DROP Resolution. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Chief DeWitt commented that FASD is April 20 -22, 2022.
- Chief stated that the FASD Annual Conference is June 13 – 16, 2022, and if you plan to attend, please let Anna-Marie know by the end of the month.
- Chief DeWitt remarked that there is Rope Ops training all week.
- Chief DeWitt informed the Board that Alternative Fuel Training was also taking place this week.
- He also commented that negotiations are moving forward and will give an update next month.
- Chief DeWitt relayed that the new digital radios are up and running.
- Chief DeWitt asked everyone to check their summer schedules and tell us when they would be out of town. This would help us in scheduling the Budget Meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Grant, a resident of Bonita Springs, thanked Chief DeWitt and Deputy Chief Brod for meeting with him regarding the concerns he had about the safety of the District.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Chief DeWitt expressed his gratitude for Assistant Chief Richard Scott's twenty-nine years of service to the District. Assistant Chief Scott is retiring and leaving behind an impressive history at the Bonita Springs Fire District. His accomplishments are numerous, and he was instrumental in establishing many programs the District continues to use. He will be missed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm.