

BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes – December 2, 2024
Regular Board Meeting

Fire Commissioners Present:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt – Chief
Andrew Schmidt – Deputy Chief
Eric Scholz - Fire Marshal
Beverly Gervasi – Finance Director
Anna-Marie Waller – Admin Coordinator

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

Chaplain Chitwood began the meeting with a moment of silence for the fallen firefighters and their families. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Maturo motioned to approve the November 20, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the November 2024 Financials, including P.O.'s over \$10,000.00. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Lohan welcomed the newly elected Commissioner Jeff Kerr to the board.

DISPOSALS

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

OLD BUSINESS

The meeting with TECO on November 26, 2024, at 9:00 took place with Commissioner Maturo, Chief DeWitt, Deputy Chief Schmidt, and Mr. Fazi and Mr. Walsh from TECO. It was a productive meeting, ending with the Chief getting access to the program that shows where all the gas lines are for the state of Florida. Commissioner Lohan thanked Commissioner Maturo for setting this meeting up. Chief DeWitt commented that there will be training in January.

NEW BUSINESS

The election of officers occurred at the meeting. Commissioner Murphy motioned to nominate Commissioner Lohan for Chairman. Commissioner Lohan seconded the motion. **The motion failed 2-3.**

Commissioner Hugo motioned to nominate Commissioner Maturo for Chairman. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion. **The motion passed 3-2.**

Commissioner Maturo motioned to nominate Commissioner Lohan for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-1.**

Commissioner Maturo motioned to nominate Commissioner Hugo for Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Lohan seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- FASD is January 9 and 10, 2025, on Sanibel Island.
- Live Fire is scheduled for December 3 – 5, 2024, beginning at 9:00 am.
- Welcomed Commissioner Kerr
- On December 3 – 5, we will have Live Fire Training.
- ISO rating is a 2. It remained the same as last year. We are 8 points away from ISO 1.
- Sending three trucks to Chief McMahon's funeral along with the Chiefs.
- Holiday in the Park tree lighting is December 3, 2024, at 6:15.
- Station 27 is almost complete. Waiting on the cabinets.
- The January meeting will be a little longer due to 3 Phoenix Awards and a presentation by the extrication team.
- January's agenda will include a new resolution regarding the use of State Monies for Pension Benefit improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.