

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

**Minutes – November 13, 2023
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt – Chief
Jason Brod – Assistant Chief
Andrew Schmidt – Deputy Chief
Eric Scholz- Fire Marshal
Lisa Gendron - Admin-Finance Director
Anna-Marie Waller – Admin Coordinator

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

Chaplain Chitwood led a moment of silence for fallen firefighters and their families, and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. Chaplain Chitwood also invited the Firefighters to a special Sunday service on November 19, 2023, at either 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m., and a Thanksgiving meal afterward. The chaplain also thanked the board for their support and informed them that he is now qualified for statewide duty to aid those in need in the aftermath of any disaster.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Slachta motioned to approve the October 9, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.
Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the October 2023 Financials. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Murphy presented Commissioner Lohan with his 15 Years of Service pin and Commissioner Hugo with his 1 Year of Service pin.

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy thanked the crews who attended the Veterans Day ceremony. He also thanked the Honor Guard for their service at the veterans program for Home Base.

DISPOSALS

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

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Lohan asked if there had been any progress regarding the TECO shut-offs. Chief DeWitt told the regional representative that TECO doesn't know where all the shut-offs are. They are trying to locate them, but it is a statewide issue, and there is no timeline as to when the situation will be resolved. The Board members agree that the state should be involved. Chief DeWitt said he would address it at the next Florida Fire Chiefs meeting and make it a legislative priority.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the 2024 Regular Meeting Dates. Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Chief DeWitt confirmed that no one would attend the "Business After Hours" event.
- The Chief reminded the Commissioners that the December meeting would be on the first Monday of the month due to the Toys for Tots setup.
- Chief DeWitt informed the Board that the Extrication Team would compete in Miami-Dade from November 15th through the 18th.
- The Chief told the Commissioners the VEBA and pension meetings are on Wednesday, November 15, 2023.
- Chief DeWitt confirmed the invitation to Anchor Christian's Thanksgiving service and meal.
- Chief DeWitt stated that The Local Delegation is meeting on November 30, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Florida Southwestern State College Nursing Building, Room AA. The agenda won't be out until November 20/21. The agenda items will determine whether there will be a discussion about the possible merger. If it is on the agenda, the Chiefs will attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.