

**BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes – May 13, 2024
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt - Chief
Jason Brod – Assistant Chief
Eric Madden – Deputy Chief
Andrew Schmidt – Deputy Chief
Brad Johnston – Asst. Fire Marshal
Lisa Gendron - Admin-Finance Director
Anna-Marie Waller – Admin Coordinator

Arrived Late:

Jeffery Maturo – Secretary/Treasurer

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to appoint Stephanie Kissinger as the new commissioner. Commissioner Lohan seconded the motion. **The motion passed 2-1.** Commissioner Hugo was the dissenting vote. Commissioner Maturo was absent for the vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the April 8, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the April 2024 Financials. Commissioner Kissinger seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the P.O.s over \$10,000.00 for CRS Technology to upgrade the servers. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

Commissioner Maturo arrived at the meeting at 5:10.

PRESENTATIONS

Deputy Chief Madden presented a double Phoenix Award to the crews that saved the life of one man, two times. The recipients of the award are: Battalion Chief Jimmy Zamora, Lieutenant Philip Kinsey, Firefighter Dylan Hood, Firefighter Nicholas Kemerer, Firefighter Sean Linehan, Firefighter Daniel Mitchell, and Firefighter William Scott. The LCEMS recipients are Paramedic J. Martin, Paramedic D. Valle, EMT H. Fletcher, and EMT A. Rosenbaum.

The next presentation was for the Years of Service. Chief DeWitt recognized Firefighter Tim Bogacz for his 30 years of dedication to the District.

There were also two promotional pinnings. The first was Lieutenant Jordan Green, and the second was Fire Inspector Ashley Diaz.

Commissioner Lohan paused the meeting at 5:18 p.m. to give those attending the presentations an opportunity to leave. He called the meeting back to order at 5:25 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Lohan and Commissioner Hugo both welcomed the new Commissioner, Stephanie Kissinger, to the board. Commissioner Kissinger thanked them and wished Commissioner Lohan a happy birthday.

Commissioner Murphy welcomed the scouts that were in attendance at the meeting.

Commissioner Maturo commented on his commitment to providing firefighters with the tools they need to perform their duties safely and effectively while understanding his statutory responsibilities of budgeting and policy. He focused on the use of Liquid IV to help the firefighters recover from the heat and the use of iPads in the field.

DISPOSAL

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Maturo motioned to approve the Re-election Resolution 2024-05-01. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the amendment to Policy 380- Retirement. Commissioner Kissinger seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Informed the Commissioners that there is one CD coming due, and the plan is to move the money into a money market.
- Reminded the Commissioners about the Budget Workshop on May 16, 2024, at 9:00 AM
- Remarked that the fuel pump at Station 27 is repaired and that all repairs are now complete. We want to recognize WCIND (West Coast Inland Navigation) for being instrumental in the fuel pump repairs.
- Reminded the Commissioners that Business After Hours is May 23, 2024, at Arts Bonita from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

- Informed the Commissioners that ISO ratings will be taking place on May 31, 2024.
- Commented that the City of Bonita Springs will be holding a Memorial Day event, and if they are interested in attending, please let Anna-Marie know.
- Reminded the Commissioners that next month's meeting is June 3, 2024.

Commissioner Maturo requested that a discussion on the Liquid IV and iPads be put on next month's agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Alex Grant provided information on reestablishing passenger rail in the area. He feels it would be an asset to help evacuate this area in case of an emergency.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

APPROVED