

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

Minutes – August 11, 2025

Regular Board Meeting

Fire Commissioners Present:

Jeffery Maturo - Chairman
Steve Lohan – Vice Chairman
Tommy Hugo – Secretary/Treasurer
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

Absent:

James Murphy - Commissioner

Chairman Maturo called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He dedicated the meeting to Fire Inspector Jeff Krupp.

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 Kerr motioned to approve the July 14, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the July 2025 Financials, including purchase orders (P.O.'s) exceeding \$10,000.00. Commissioner Lohan seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

DISPOSALS

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the July disposals. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

PRESENTATIONS

Chief DeWitt announced the promotional pinning for Battalion Chief Andy Chicas, Battalion Chief Giovanni Zamora, Lieutenant Dylan Hood, and Lieutenant Robert Milhous. Ten years of service pins were given to Training Captain Colin Bostin and Training Captain Gregory Wasmuth. Also receiving their ten-year service pins were Firefighter Ryan Francis and Firefighter Randy McGovern, who were not in attendance. The probationary firefighters, Willie Bailey, Joseph Blasi, John Garcia, Paxton Howard, Walter Miret, and Christopher Swanson, were introduced to the board. Firefighter Willie Bailey was awarded the Paul Philips Award.

UNION BUSINESS

Union President Roy Brown thanked Commissioner Maturo for dedicating the meeting to Fire Inspector Jeff Krupp. Mr. Brown took a Point of Personal Privilege to remember Jeff Krupp and

share memories of him. Mr. Brown also mentioned that the son of a firefighter with North Collier also passed away. He was the nephew of one of our retirees. His funeral is on Thursday in Alva. He also mentioned the ongoing contract negotiations with the District. Lastly, he remarked that the firefighters' union contributed \$2,000.00, which was matched for a total of \$4,000.00 to the Café of Life to help the community.

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Maturo commented that he hopes contract negotiations go well. He also thanked Chaplain Chitwood for his participation in the funeral service for Fire Inspector Jeff Krupp and for his continued support. Commissioner Maturo also told the board that he has been to DiVosta regarding a light at Snell Road and Bonita Grande, and they are agreeable. He will also be in contact with the city and county. This light will be at no cost to the taxpayers.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Brown of Ashley, Brown and Smith, CPA, presented the yearly audit results. He noted that the audit confirmed the District's compliance, yielding a clean report, and that the District did not overspend. He expressed that it showed the staff's professionalism.

A policy on Commissioner Conduct toward Staff and Procedures for Visiting District Facilities was presented to the board for approval after a harassment claim was made against one of the current commissioners. Commissioner Maturo motioned to approve the policy. Commissioner Lohan seconded the motion. **The motion failed 1-3, with Commissioners Maturo, Hugo, and Kerr casting dissenting votes.**

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- "Business After Hours" this month will be on August 21, 2025, at the Coconut Point Hyatt.
- The Chamber will hold its annual golf tournament on October 15, 2025, at Saltleaf Golf Preserve.
- An Aerial class is being held in Estero. We will have three attending, along with Truck 21.
- Ten-8 is repairing the damage on Engine 23 after a dumpster truck hit it while it was parked in a parking lot.
- The final Budget Workshop is August 25, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Commissioner Maturo adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.