

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

**Minutes – March 8, 2021
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt – Fire Chief
Richard Scott – Assistant Fire Chief
Jason Brod – Deputy 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 p.m. Chaplain Chitwood gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no public comment on agenda items.

APPROVAL MINUTES

Commissioner Kosilla motioned to approve the February 8, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes, and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the February 2021 Financials, and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

There was no Commissioners' Business to discuss.

PRESENTATIONS

Chief DeWitt presented a 15 Years of Service Award to Lieutenant Michael Bucher. Firefighter David Block and Firefighter Christian Mayfield received their 1 Year of Service Award.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Maturo wanted an update on the damaged Firetruck 24. Chief DeWitt confirmed that it is being used as a Reserve Unit. The insurance company reimbursed the District, and all necessary repairs will be made. Commissioner Maturo also congratulated Chief DeWitt on his appointment as the Southwest Regional Director for the Florida Fire Chiefs Association. Commissioner Maturo would like to see a press release go out regarding this appointment.

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Remarked that the two new vehicles, the 100' bucket, and the Engine 24 replacement, should be finished about April 12, 2021. Tentatively plan for a trip for final inspection around the week of April 13, 2021.
- Commented that the Dog Track is going to be torn down. Before it is, the District has been in discussions with the track owner and Honc Destruction to let us use it for training purposes. This training should take place in 2 – 3 weeks with LCSO and other Districts.
- Reminded the Commissioners that the Quarterly FASD meeting is in Tallahassee from April 4 – 6, 2021. They won't be allowed in the Capital, but they may be able to meet with local representatives off-campus. Chief DeWitt added that the annual FASD meeting is June 14-17, 2021, at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando.
- Stated the Annual Report is going through the final check and should be ready to print in about two weeks.
- Remarked that the current legislative session started March 2, 2021, and that there are many proposed bills on the agenda, a few dealing with Fire Safety.
- Assured Commissioner Slactha that CPR Training has restarted since it had been halted due to COVID-19.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alexander Grant suggested the District could easily distribute the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Commissioner Lohan explained that the District is not authorized to distribute any vaccine at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.