

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
January 9, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Hansen

Invocation – Chairman Hansen

Commissioner Hansen – Present
Commissioner Griffin – Present
Commissioner Mere - Excused
Commissioner Ducrou – Absent
Commissioner Cook – Present
Chief Larry Nisbet - Present
Office Manager - Theresa Sharp - Present
Attorney Ian Mann – Absent

Others Present: None

Minutes – Review and Acceptance of the minutes of the December 12, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Cook to accept the minutes. Commissioner Griffin seconded the motion with the exception of a minor change of Vice-Chairman Griffin to Chairman Hansen on the Public Input call for motion to adjourn. Change was duly noted. Chairman Hansen calls for questions or comments. With no questions or discussion and none opposed, motion carries.

Financial Report - Review & Acceptance of the December 2017 financials. Commissioner Griffin moves to accept the December 2017 financials. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Chief Nisbet adds to point out, we have already received 80% of our Ad-Valorem. Chief Nisbet also notes, we did not touch the line of credit this fall. All board members acknowledge appreciation of that. Chairman Hansen calls for questions or comments. With no questions or discussion, and none opposed, motion carries. Chairman Hansen calls for Fire Marshal and Administrative Reports.

Fire Marshal and Administrative Reports (attached) – Chief Nisbet reads the Fire Marshal Report and adds that Doug has also been doing Plans Review on two items, the Pritchett Parkway, stating that's moving along, it's getting ready to put the water in and they're doing the sewer lines; and we've been dealing with an issue of a resident that wants to change their USE permit occupancy, a road off Nalle Grade, to put a coffee house in using ecotourism; the County has denied and also the building does not meet fire codes. This individual was not happy, we notified the attorney just to let him know where we're at with it, but right now the county hasn't approved that, so we're dealing with that. Chief Nisbet reads the Administrative report into the record. He adds, we saw roughly a 27% call volume increase. Of course, he adds, a large portion were brush fires, however, we saw increases in almost all of our call volume areas. Commissioner Cook notes, we had a bunch of calls yesterday. Yesterday was unreal. Chief

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Nisbet agrees, yesterday was busy, and today started off busy. Commissioner Hansen states "it was a nice boat they ruined, wasn't it?" Chief Nisbet agrees, "It was a nice pesticide truck that got ruined by the boat. When I pulled up and saw that on the bridge I said "What the heck is this?" Commissioner Hansen asks "Did they lose it?" Chief Nisbet states "apparently, what happened was his vehicle all of a sudden just stalled out in the middle lane; and the pesticide truck didn't see it and stop and he pushed that brand new Evinrude motor almost all the way to the back of the bed. He wasn't hurt bad, and luckily, none of the contents of the pesticide vehicle leaked out; we did have some lower unit oil leak down to the river. It could have been gnarly, I'm surprised that boat didn't get knocked over." Commissioner Griffin asks "On the bridge?" Chief Nisbet confirms, "yeah, right at the apex." Commissioner Hansen says "yeah, the truck was here right against the wall (motioning with his hands) and the trailer was up above it, I thought the trailer was gone." Chief Nisbet states "Right, and the boat was in the middle of the right lane. Oh yeah, we don't get junk out here." Commissioner Griffin states "Evinrude's having a bad week." Commissioner Hansen asks "How much do you put that boat at?" Chief Nisbet responds "We asked, the guy works for Marina Mike; that was a \$100,000 boat." Commissioner Cook states "I was figuring it was every bit of that." Commissioner Hansen agrees "yeah, that was a nice boat." Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Hansen calls for Petitions/Public Input.

Petitions before the Board/Public Input –None, hearing none, Chairman Hansen calls for Union Petitions.

Union Petitions – None, hearing none, Chairman Hansen calls for Old Business.

Old Business –

- **None** –Chairman Hansen calls for anything in old business. Hearing none, he calls for new business.

New Business –

- **None** – Chairman Hansen calls for anything in New business. Hearing none, he calls for Chief Items.

Chief Items - Chairman Hansen calls for anything in Chief Items. Chief Nisbet states "I have two items, Commissioners, to fill you in on; I'm working on an Assistance to Fire Act Grant right now, I'm almost completed with it, for portable radios for our personnel, our radios are becoming dated; most of our radios are 10-12 years old, they're not upgradeable, for example, portable radios are going to cost about \$6,500 so I'm putting in for 19 radios, one for each riding position within the Department. This is the same grant we've applied for in the regional

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aspect; this time I'm going on my own because I'm thinking maybe a lower dollar amount might help us be successful, so I'll be submitting that probably within the next week or two, I have until February 2nd to submit it. Then, we're waiting on the new guidance document for SAFER that has not come out yet. The last item is, as you are aware, Representative Caldwell at the legislative delegation said he wanted to do a straw poll, at this time he has not filed a bill through legislation to hold that straw poll, there's some confusion as to whether he has to or doesn't have to, what that ballot language is going to be, we do know that it doesn't count toward his bill count up there, but, there doesn't seem to be a big push on this yet, so wait and see what's going to go on; my big question is, my big thing that I asked is, straw poll or not, as the Fire Chief of Bayshore Fire Rescue, have the vote. I think most of the fire chiefs seem to agree, let's have the vote, let's see what happens, whatever it is, but then, after that, then what? Who pays for the rest of the study to determine what the feasibility of this and the economics. Who takes on the charge on this, stuff like that, because it's like putting the cart before the horse, no direction of travel..." Commissioner Griffin asks what this vote was for, to determine if they want to consolidate? Chief Nisbet responds "to determine if they want to consolidate all the local fire districts into one big county-wide fire district. Including municipalities, which includes Fort Myers and the City of Cape Coral. So that was one of the things. I don't think it has a lot of support, with our other legislative delegates from the state here either, Senator Passidomo said that she didn't like the idea of it being a top down push, she felt it should be a bottom up push; and at the legislative delegation, not one citizen got up and spoke pro consolidating fire districts. We've got seven fire districts in Lee County with an ISO class 2 rating, or actually an ISO 3 or better, a majority of those are 2. So, protection here is pretty good. That's it, that's all I have. Chairman Hansen calls for Commissioner Items.

Commissioner Items – Commissioner Griffin asks "On this Pritchett Project over here, what are they doing way back in that back..." Chief Nisbet responds "We believe that they're opening up those waterways a little bit more to alleviate some of the water flow issues that took place during Irma and the flooding, stuff like that and eventually they're going to put in a ___ out there, but I don't think they had to do any of that until later in the project but I think they've initiated something on that." Commissioner Griffin states "it looks like they're building a berm but I didn't know..." Chief Nisbet states "I think they're digging out, there's a canal that runs east and west out there, and then there's Popash Creek, and I think they're widening out Popash Creek, reinforcing it and making it a smoother flow way. At least that's what I believe they're doing out there, I don't know for sure. They've been hauling dirt out of there, too. I mean, they've been using the dump trucks and bringing the dirt up for the fill. The project manager, we had a guy get hurt up there the end of the year that we had to bring out of the construction site for an injury, and the project manager said that for the next six months they're going to be very active. They're planning on having buildings coming out of the ground by spring of this year." Commissioner Griffin asks if

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they've begun the lake or water park yet. Chief Nisbet responds they are not, they are still working on some permit issues. They are having permit issues on that was the last we heard. They are getting there, apparently, Lee County has never dealt with this type of a project before so there's some discrepancies so that's why they're working with, I believe it's, Pasco County, who's got one of these in construction and what they've done in their permitting. All indications are it's progressing forward, the permitting is just held up a little bit. Commissioner Griffin asks, so they haven't dug the lake or anything yet? Chief Nisbet responds they have not done that portion yet. That's just going to be water retention area and they've put a lot of sewer line in, gravity main sewers, and all that stuff. I don't know if you've noticed but in the last couple days there's been a lot of paint markers on the grass and stuff, it looks like they're getting ready to drop the water line up. A lot of surveying crews to bring the water line in. Commissioner Griffin asks where's the sewer going to run, out to Bayshore or what. Chief Nisbet responds, no, actually there's a sewer lift station, I guess it will eventually, but there was a sewer treatment facility at the end of Sedgefield. Commissioner Cook asks if they're going to use that one. Maybe they'll upgrade it, I think Sedgefield's on it but not many people are on it. Chief Nisbet agrees, they may be upgrading it, he's not certain what that plan is but his understanding was they were going to tie in to the County one at Bayshore. Commissioner Cook states that that one right there was the one Pritchett built originally and then gave it to them. Chief states that's a big main; big sewer main. Commissioner Cook states I was hoping they wouldn't use that one on Sedgefield. As that discussion seems over, Chairman Hansen asks Commissioner Griffin if that was it or was there another item. Commissioner Griffin is finished and with no further discussions offered, Chairman Hansen calls for any other Commissioner Items. Hearing none he calls for Public Input.

Public Input - Hearing none, Chairman Hansen calls for motion to adjourn.

Adjournment - Commissioner Cook moves to adjourn. Commissioner Griffin seconded the motion, and with none opposed, meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.