

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 14, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Hansen

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Commissioner Hansen

Roll Call: Commissioner Hansen – Present
Commissioner Cook - Present
Commissioner Ducrou - Absent
Commissioner Griffin - Present
Commissioner Klos – Present
Chief Larry Nisbet - Present
Office Manager - Theresa Sharp - Absent
Attorney Ian Mann - Absent

Others Present: Some Public

Minutes - Review and Acceptance of the March 10, 2009 Board Meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Cook to accept March minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Vote called. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Commissioner Hansen notes the receipt of the Porche bill and inquires as to the air system's performance. Chief Nisbet responds positively and adds that we had a fire and had opportunity to use it and it filled 15 bottles in 10 minutes. Commissioner Cook inquires as to what was done at Fleet Maintenance for \$2,900. Chief Nisbet responds that Engine 133 required repairs. Commissioner Griffin inquires about the charge by Steve Herzfeld for \$266.25 for Nat'l EVT Training. Chief Nisbet explains that all the Lee County Fire Departments that use Fleet Maintenance chipped in to send one of their mechanics get certified for pump testing and repair making them a one stop shop. Commissioner Griffin motioned acceptance of the March 2009 Financials. Commissioner Klos seconded the Motion. Vote called. Motion passed unanimously.

Promotions and Awards – Chief Nisbet announces Capt. Ramsey's resignation and that one member of the Department was eligible and qualified to assume that position and officially acknowledges the promotion of Doug Underwood to the Rank of Captain. He presents the Certificate and offers Doug's wife to pin his badge on him. Chief congratulates him & everyone applauds. Chief Nisbet then announces that there were 2 nominations for the award of Employee of the Quarter go to Heather Kirkland for her outstanding execution before and during the Fair of the inspections and follow-up for all the vendor booths and ensuring the safety of the public as well as the Ambassadorship role she developed with the Fair Board on our behalf. Chief presents Heather with a Certificate and everyone applauds. Chief then recognizes Bill Keener for reliability, his Supporting role as Tender driver and his knowledge and of Rural Water Supply principles and setting up shuttle operations and drafting sites, and the 4 hours of Training he provided to North Fort Myers to that regard. Bill Keener states what a pleasure it is to work with everyone here. Commissioner Hansen congratulates everyone for their awards.

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Admin/Ops/Fire Marshall's Report (attached) – Chief Nisbet covers the Fire Marshall's report and Admin report. Special attention is drawn to the FFOSHA Inspection that designated us as the first FFOSHA Compliant Fire Department South of Tampa. Commissioners express their appreciation of that designation. Chief Nisbet covers the balance of the Administration report and concludes with the announcement that he is approaching the completion of his first year of service with the District and respectfully requests each Commissioner provide an evaluation of his performance thus far along with any improvements and directions they wish to see in the coming year. He also thanks each Commissioner for their support during his first year and adds that it has been the best career decision he has made. Commissioner Hansen calls for questions. There are none.

Petitions before the Board – None

Union Petitions/Discussions – None

- **Old Business** – Authorization Letter by Commissioners to authorize Office Manager – Theresa Sharp the ability to change the accounts and obtain information. Chief Nisbet notes that both he and Ian Mann have reviewed the letter and find it offers the District the protection and yet offers the ability to get things handled on behalf of the District. Commissioners execute the letter after having voted last month.
- **Purchase of a new Pumper at reduced cost** – E-one has provided a quote for approximately \$170,000 with the trade-ins of \$15,000 fully compliant with commercial cab. This would not include anything other than the truck shell (no hoses or equipment). Financing options have been Lease-Purchase through E-One for 7 years with 1 annual payment each year of \$25,000 the first payment being due July 2010. There are still questions and more research, but Chief Nisbet asks the board if they are still interested in the research with the trade-in values being only \$15,000? He restates the economical forecast with regard to ad-valorem taxes and the current condition and age of the old engine which is 19 years old. He also states that the rescue is 12 years old. Commissioner Cook prefers to hold off. Chief reiterates the age of the vehicle and that soon it will no longer be NFPA compliant. He also voices his concern that we do not know what will happen with the pricing in the next couple of years. Commissioner Cook mentions the situation down south where all their equipment is the same age and now they are faced with having to replace everything at the same time. He would like us to be able to spread out our repurchases. Chief Nisbet does offer that with this being a commercial cab we would have the ability to replace the chassis when we need. Commissioner Griffin asks if Chief is looking for a decision on whether or not Chief should continue financing research, or just exactly what he wanted to know. Chief explains we have already begun our budget planning process early April, and Assistance Fire Act Grant opens up tomorrow, and the Safer Act Grant, and many others are coming up and he plans on applying for those, but if this is not something the Board does not want to pursue then we can shelf that project and focus on other areas. If however the Board does wish to pursue it, we would need to allow for the FYE 2010 payment in this budget and apply for the grant accordingly. Commissioner Griffin, while he agrees that the deal is good, he hesitates because of the current economy, for fear of being forced to reduce manpower in order to make the payments. Commissioner Cook concurs that we should table it until next year. Chief Nisbet reiterates his concerns with the condition of Engine 133 and offers we let the vendor continue on with research as it is a stock unit, and maybe lock in the price while we buy our time until June 1st when preliminary tax

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numbers come in to see where we are. Commissioners agree we should wait at least that long and they expect the engine business to stay the same or decline. They do agree that research won't hurt; and Chief Nisbet agrees that we don't wish to sacrifice manpower in order to be able to afford the payments. Discussion then turns to the 4 wheel drive and Chief states that research has revealed that 4wd on any pumper would be aftermarket through International Harvester and would cost \$32,000. Chief also offers that he had inquired of the firefighters that have been with the Department a long time, about whether there has been any place that 4wd would have made a difference as to whether they could get to a fire, the reply was "no". There was an incident that we could only get the patient out in the pick-up and take her out to the Ambulance. Billy offers that even the rescue truck is not 4wd. Commissioner Griffin does state that we should wait to see more clearly where we are at, but that we could continue to do research.

- **EMS** – Lease rent is still in process; there has been a discrepancy between where we thought we were and what the other departments are getting from EMS. Actually, EMS pays \$2 per square foot for the space they occupy; which they only pay once a year. That translates to \$3,500 not \$30,000 per year. But they use our water, toiletries, truck soap... so chief is meeting with Kim Dickerson tomorrow to try to come to an agreement which Chief will have at the next Commissioner's meeting. They pay \$4000 a year in that new Fire Station, and all others. Commissioners Griffin and Cook agree that something is better than nothing but that they should supply their own supplies. Chief Nisbet points out the hazards to the relationship in doing that, that everyone will get petty over the supplies...he'd rather that we just supply it and they pay us for it.

New Business –

- Credit Report for District – Credit appears impeccable.

Public Input – None

Motion to Adjourn - made by Commissioner Griffin, Second by Commissioner Cook. Vote called. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.