

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 14, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairman Ducrou
(waiting for quorum enroute)

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – Commissioner Hansen

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

Others Present: Some public

Minutes – Review and Acceptance of the minutes of the March 10, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Cook to accept the minutes. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. Chairman Ducrou calls for questions or comments. With no questions or discussion and none opposed, motion carries.

Financial Report - Review & Acceptance of the March 2015 financials. Commissioner Hansen moves to accept the March 2015 financials. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Chairman Ducrou calls for questions or comments. With no questions or discussion, and none opposed, motion carries.

Fire Marshal and Administrative Reports (attached) – Chief Nisbet reads the Fire Marshal and Administrative reports into the record. Chairman Ducrou calls for questions or comments. Commissioner Hansen asks how old Engine 131 is. Chief Nisbet replies about seven years, almost eight. He adds that it is referred to by several other fire chiefs as the E-One seven year curse. Commissioner Cook states he thought it was four years old. Time flies. Chief Nisbet states that the tender is seven years old and is now paid off. We added the engine 6-8 months before we got the tender. He continues, it has been a re-occurring issue of electrical problems; we had an alternator go out, we replaced the alternator, and then the new one went out, which they are thankfully going to warranty. Commissioner Ducrou asks Chief to refresh his memory on the price of the alternator. Chief Nisbet responds \$2,200. Commissioner Cook is incredulous. Chief states that it is the same component we took out of it, which could probably light up Fort Myers because it has so many things attached to it. He continues, and then the motherboard for the multi-plex system went out, that was roughly

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\$1,300 to replace that because everything goes through the multi-plex system; but one did not have an effect on the other. And then, he continues, all of a sudden the high idle started doing stuff that when they set the truck in high idle, when they put their foot on the brake, it should disengage it, now when they put their foot on the brake the first time it will increase 200rpms, put their foot on the brake again, it takes it up to 500, put their foot on it again, takes it up to 1800 and then it will finally drop off. Commissioner Ducrou asks if there's a cruise control on that truck. Chief Nisbet responds to the negative and states, so we took it to Cummings here at Southeast Power; hooked it up to the system, did a complete factory restore and it's still showing up; and they've got it to their engineers right now because they have no idea why it's doing it. Commissioner Ducrou asks if they go to put it in a gear, does it drop out. Chief responds to the affirmative. He adds they think it's something in the programming that it's picking up the sensor, like used to be able to tap the accelerator to pick it up, and somehow now it's picking it up when you hit the brake pedal, and they don't understand why it's doing that. Commissioner Ducrou asks if it's still switch activated on the dash. Chief responds it is, so that's what they're doing right now, is disengaging it with the switch. Chief notes, the reason he brings it to the Board now, is if it starts becoming an issue, while the truck is still of age, down the road, we may talk of giving that to somebody else, and moving on to something basic, and replacing it; because if the electrical issues become a re-occurring nightmare, we're dumping tens of thousands of dollars in it for a year, because we're having electrical issues? I know of a different model truck Shores is dealing with their KME . During his last comments Commissioner Ducrou speaks to Commissioner Cook stating we have a second engine, don't we? Commissioner Cook responds we do have a second; Commissioner Ducrou states we don't need a third. Commissioner Cook states well, we're going to get rid of that one...Commissioner Ducrou states, not now, so...Chief Nisbet agrees we do have two engines, but we do need two engines to maintain at least somewhat of an ISO status. Commissioner Ducrou asks, really? Chief responds absolutely. Commissioner Ducrou asks even two people? Commissioner Cook states we don't have anybody to drive them. Chief Nisbet responds it does, because the volunteer staffing still coming in, every three volunteers still counts as staffing for a fire, but the trucks are applied to fire. The personnel are one component; it's a big component, but it's one component. With no further discussion or Public Input, Chairman Ducrou calls for Petitions.

Petitions before the Board/Public Input –None

Union Petitions - None

Old Business – Commissioner Cook asks how the subdivision is coming along. Chief states we haven't heard anything new. Commissioner Cook asks if there's anything new on anything else? Chief responds "not yet". We've got stuff that we're hearing is coming down, we did have a meeting with the County and they're going to do some significant upgrdes to the Civic Center. Commissioiner

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Cook remarks that is probably a good idea. Chief Nisbet responds there's a lot of permitting in, but nothing has moved in the last 30-45 days. He adds he has not really been tracking it that close with the involvements with his father's passing. Commissioner Cook asks if there has been any more discussions with North. Chief Nisbet responds he and Chief Rice have talked about it, and Chief Rice is doing some internal review and he's going to get back with Chief Nisbet shortly, but again, Chief Nisbet states, the past 2 ½ weeks he hasn't done much with anything; and to be honest with you, I probably won't do much in the next month to month and a half either. I'm going to be occupying a spot here right now, just trying to maintain this. Commissioner Cook states he is sorry to hear Chief's dad passed, this was the first he had heard about it. Commissioner Hansen asks about the grant, have we heard anything on the grant? Chief states on the SAFER grant, he actually talked to the IAFF yesterday; Peer review is going to be the week of May 4th. They think after that, probably about 4 weeks; the IAFF was not happy they pushed off the peer review as far as they did, but the Federal Government wanted to do the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants at the same time they did the peer review of the SAFER, so that's when they're going to do the review on those grants. Usually if you don't make scoring, you get your denial notice pretty quickly, we have not received anything yet, but I imagine we made it through scoring which was the first part; because if you don't make scoring on the first part, you don't go on to the second part. Commissioner Ducrou asks if they have a date when they think they'll have all the awards out by? Chief Nisbet responds, September 30th. That was their target date. Commissioner Hansen states, so any time between May and September. Chief concurs. Commissioner Ducrou states so you would actually start to receive money in September? Chief Nisbet states they'll usually give you six months to start your performance period, to do recruiting and training, that's the guidelines stuff, but if we get personnel in prior to that point, they'll let us start our performance period as soon as we're ready to go.

Commissioner Ducrou, under old business states he saw Danny Ballard, from NFM Fire Commission, at Downtown Fort Myers, and spoke with him about this operational consolidation, where we can start trying to, well, we're both poor districts, but we can stretch the dollar a little bit farther doing things together. I told him it didn't matter to me, whether we get the SAFER or not, its just a stop-gap measure, and we have to look for the future of the District, so, it's something I feel strongly about. As things go on in the next couple of months, we'll see what things occur between Chief and the Chief of North, but I'd like to actually start to approach their board to let them know we're serious about trying to do something to work together to stretch.. Commissioner Cook asked how Commissioner Ballard felt. Commissioner Ducrou states one of his comments to him, was disheartening, he said when I got on the Board, I brought this up, and I had, when I first became a Board member here, before Larry was the Chief, about looking into a consolidation between North and Bayshore, and he said he was against it because all the employees were against it. And I said that's absurd; you have to look at the best interest of the District and the employees as a whole,

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if keeping things separate means nobody has a job, then you haven't done your job as a commissioner. So he's willing to entertain the idea. Commissioner Cook states, I know he was the one that was not for it, for anything. I had heard through the grapevine. Commissioner Ducrou states, I don't doubt it, but there's a lot of things that get said behind closed doors, I'm not sure what kind of information he has or had; that's why I'd like to start talking with the Board, to have those communication lines opened up. We can move forward and everybody be on the same page and not be behind closed doors, or, "we didn't know this was going to happen" or some people hear things one way and some people hear things another. Chief states I know when Estero and San Carlos and Bonita were starting to talk about their stuff and their study to do what you were asking them to do, they had to do a joint meeting they had to do it in the Sunshine, they had to advertise the meeting for both Districts at a joint location and had to convene both Boards and then dialogue that way to stay within Sunshine; at least that's what I remember. Commissioner Cook states, I'm sure there would have to be something like that. Commissioner Ducrou states that in the preliminary, this Board could permit me to represent their interest and at least get the dialogue started, and then once we did that, and established a joint meeting, but I'm great with having a joint meeting right off the bat if they wanted to do that; so, we've got some time, but I feel like whether we get the SAFER or not, it needs to be addressed, because there's no very optimistic outlook right now. With that he concludes old business and calls for new business.

New Business –Acceptance of the Firehouse Subs Grant – Chief Nisbet states he just needs a motion to accept the Firehouse Subs Grant as we do for all of our grants, just to make sure the Board is onboard with it. There are no matching funds; we actually don't have to do anything. The vendor that worked with Firehouse Subs on this the equipment we requested has already processed the PO and all that, so we just need to accept it like we do all other grants. Commissioner Hansen moves to accept the Firehouse Subs Grant. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Commissioner Ducrou asks if there's anything that we would do, such as a plaque or anything. Chief Nisbet states that Firehouse Subs PR Department will be working with us on that; they are going to want to do some demonstrations with it, stuff like that, pictures, presentation with the "Big Check" thing...they'll be contacting us probably in the next 8-10 weeks, it'll be that before the equipment gets in here, and then the grant also covers for MES to come down here and train us on the new tools and stuff. These new battery operated Hurst tools are bad to the bone. They're just a really good tool; 72,000 pounds of spreading force. Commissioner Ducrou states he can't wait to see it. Commissioner Cook states that Darrel was just telling him about that. Chief Nisbet states, that's almost what our Genesis does; and that's off a battery. Commissioner Cook states and it's not even a big battery. Chief agrees, it looks like a Dewalt battery. He continues, I want to say it's a 56volt. Commissioner Cook states he thought it was like 24 volts. Chief states it's not a big battery and the spreader, he believes, weighs 45 pounds; but there're no hoses or anything like that, they're ergonomic, they're balanced, you can hold it like this (he

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demonstrates) and it's perfectly balanced. He continues, I was talking to North Naples, and they said their extrication time is cut dramatically. They said it takes longer to pull the hose line out than it does to start working on the car. They just grab the tool and go to work instead of having to set up the hoses and the pump and all that stuff. Commissioner Ducrou asks the duration capability. Chief Nisbet states thirty minutes of cutting time, it's got a smart battery LED and it comes with a bank charger that is also a conditioner, and also has a shoreline that you can plug in the back that if you run out of battery you can run off a generator. Commissioner Cook says that's a plus. Commissioner Ducrou is impressed. Chief Nisbet states that we have actually applied for it three times, the third was a charm.

Public Input –None

With no Public present for input, Commissioner Hansen moves to adjourn. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion, and with none opposed, meeting adjourns at 7:34pm.