

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
May 10, 2016

**Meeting called to order** at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Hansen

**Invocation:** Chairman Hansen

**Roll Call:**

Chairman Hansen - Present  
Vice Chairman Griffin – Present  
Sec./Treas. Mere – Present  
Commissioner Ducrou – Present (7:20)  
Commissioner Cook – 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 April 12, 2016 Board meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Griffin to accept the minutes. Commissioner Mere seconded the motion. Chairman Hansen calls for questions or comments. With no questions or discussion and none opposed, motion carries.

**Financial Report - Review & Acceptance** of the April 2016 financials. Commissioner Griffin moves to accept the April 2016 financials. Commissioner Mere seconded the motion. Chairman Hansen calls for questions or comments. With no questions or discussion, and none opposed, motion carries.

**Fire Marshal and Administrative Reports** (attached) – Chief Nisbet states there is no Fire Marshal report. He states we are waiting for some things on both the Babcock project and the Pritchett Project. He believes some other documents have been filed and they are on the cusp of things getting started. He continues we are getting ready to begin our annual inspections, so probably after this month we'll have a more in depth Fire Marshal report. He reads into record the Admin Report. He adds that we're into the brush truck for about \$7,500 right now, so we are actually a little bit under budget. Chairman Hansen calls for any questions for the Chief on his reports. Commissioner Griffin notes that the North Olga sign is removed and the Babcock sign is up. He asks if it is coming all the way down now. Chief Nisbet responds that he doesn't believe so, they may have moved it up a bit, or they may be re-doing it. Commissioner Hansen states he noticed the same thing. Chef states he knows that Mike Greenwell and Dr. Van Roekel have talked to him about having a meeting with Mr. Kitson regarding having the North Olga Fire Station location somewhere around Turkey Run and North River Road. There's 4100 acres in the Lee County portion of Babcock Ranch that could be developed. We're waiting to see what their timeline is on that. The Pritchett Parkway project is probably an under five year project, probably. The Babcock is probably a five to ten year project at least to where there's some density up there to be concerned about. We're waiting to see

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how that plays out. I know that Lee County has asked for the property for 35 baseball fields that will have an impact on what they want to do, but the 35 baseball fields will occupy 300 acres. There's 900,000 square feet of commercial that's proposed in that development in that area; roughly the size of Coconut Point Mall. Commissioner Hansen asks what the 35 baseball fields are for. Chief responds they really want to hit the fitness tourism industry. He continues, from what he saw on the news, there are a lot of tournaments that want to come here, but the county doesn't have the capability to meet their needs. Commissioner Hansen agrees, he saw that when men from a big league were playing on a Cape Coral little league field. Chief Nisbet states that at the unveiling he spoke with one of the Kitson Partners he stated if they are talking this much density, one fire station wouldn't be enough. We would need two for this project. He was asked where we would want them. Chief replied one in the front and one in the back. One of the things, he continues, I'm concerned about, and I'll go ahead and put that out there now, is the Babcock Community is a special taxing District. This means they can actually form their own Fire Department. Their own Fire Department, their own Police Department, stuff like that, so we would lose it. I'm trying to meet with Charlotte County so we can work out a collective plan to cover a level of service that would be interoperable because Charlotte County is going to have five fire stations in the project itself. We'll definitely have one, possibly two. If I were to forecast here, I would say we'd have one three bay station and one two bay station. I would want the three bay station right around that Turkey Run Road/North River Road area. He continues, and I'm hoping we can actually work it out to get that deal done once we have a good economic recovery that's continuous here, and that we have the personnel to put up there. We can work something out with Alva, and we can use that to help service both our District and Alva's District as well. Maybe do some joint staffing, and do something along those lines. Commissioner Mere asks if they are talking any hotels on the commercial side. Chief Nisbet states they have not really specified anything. To give you an idea, 900,000sf is roughly the size of Coconut Point Mall. Commissioner Griffin states it sounds to him like they would have to. Commissioner Mere states if you're talking that kind of a sports complex, you'd almost want to keep the people there. Then the question would come in, how high would they go? If we're going to need any special type of equipment? Chief Nisbet states he was actually kind of surprised when I heard some of it; and of course, I would imagine there would be some kind of back lash in the area, but the reality is, they're going to have to widen 31. They're going to have to take care of the Wilson-Pigott bridge. All those things are going to require tax dollars. They're going to have to have a revenue stream to maintain; Mr. Kitson may initially start that project, but the County is going to need funds to maintain that. I think they are going to have to have a tax base out there. Commissioner Hansen asks if Chief had seen Babcock's solar? Chief states yeah, to give you an idea, they're going to have a million solar panels. Commissioner Hansen states the first phase of that 380,000 going in. Chief states that stacked end to end, they would reach from here all the way to south Chicago. Chief continues we will be doing some training with Charlotte County in the near future on fires in the solar fields and that sort of thing. Commissioner Mere states taking down some of our bird population. Chief states if you look at the project in comparison with the ranch, it's 18% of the

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ranch. He adds that a lot of the project is in the area the mines were. So really a lot of the pristine ranch area is not going to be touched, it's still going to be a working ranch, plus the state of Florida now owns all that. Florida forest service now manages that, hunting, and all that. They are going to have 50 miles of nature trails. It's a pretty big thing, but the unveiling was, if you wanted to go to a party, that was one to go to. It was incredible. It had to be a pretty penny to do that. There was a lot of state leadership there, a lot of county leadership. It's no longer a what-if, it's a when. And I don't think you're going to slow it down. Commissioner Hansen states they've got a lot of roads done. Chief agrees, the entrance road is done the main roads are done. Charlotte County Station 9 over the next couple years will be relocated to the front entrance because they're going to have an entrance where that station is sitting now. And they're going to put more personnel and an ambulance out there. I know they're increasing the staffing of that engine out there to three in the very near future, if they haven't already. They haven't had a Lieutenant out there; they're getting ready to put a Lieutenant out there. Chairman Hansen calls for any further discussion or questions and hearing none he calls for Union Petitions Discussions.

**Union Petitions** – None. Hearing no Union Petitions, he calls for Public Input.

**Public Input** – None. With no public input he calls for Old Business.

**Old Business – NONE** - Hearing none, Chairman Hansen calls for new business.

**New Business –**

- **Chief's vacation** - Chief states he will be taking his yearly vacation in July and going up to the cabin which would require him to be excused from the July meeting, or we can do what we did last year where we set the maximum proposed millage rate at the June meeting and not meet in July. But there are a couple things I'd like to do in the June meeting; I'd like to set the proposed millage rate and also have an executive session to talk about upcoming negotiations, because I'll be starting negotiations when I come back in July. We are in the third year of a contract, the bargaining unit and the administration each has an opener and wages and insurance are automatic. We should also have the exit interview for the audit as well. And I know this audit has taken such a long time to get that, it has not been our auditor's fault, they have been waiting on the actuarial from the FRS; and back to my administration report our minimal increase in our contribution rate, and our 2016-2017 budget the actuarial came back somewhere, I believe, about 94% funded, so those are some of the things we'll have to do at the June meeting. So I am asking, can I take my vacation in July and...Chairman Hansen asks Chief what dates he's out. Chief Nisbet states from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. So I would miss that meeting, which I typically miss the July meeting, but if we do everything in June, then we won't have to meet

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in July. Chairman Hansen asks the Board what they wish to do for July. Commissioner Griffin states he's fine with doing it in June. Commissioner Mere asks what the date is for the meeting. Given both dates, he advises he will not be at the June meeting but trust the remaining board members can handle it. Commissioner Griffin moves to cancel the July meeting and handle all business in the June meeting. Commissioner Mere seconds the motion and with no further discussion and none opposed the motion is passed.

**Commissioner Items** – Chairman Hansen states, Chief mentioned meeting to discuss the contracts, and we need to discuss Chief's contract. We're towards the end of it here, so we need to do something. Commissioner Griffin asks when it ends. Chairman Hansen states October so we've got to do something this summer to get it in place. I'd like permission to get together with him and look over what he's got and see what we can and cannot do. Commissioner Mere asks if we have to do that during a regular meeting. Chairman Hansen responds, typically one of us sits down with him and hashes it all out and then brings it back to the meeting. Chief Nisbet states, usually in the past, I've met with the Chairman. Chairman Hansen asks if everyone is good with that. Everyone is in agreement and Commissioner Mere moves to open those negotiations. Commissioner Griffin seconded the motion. Chairman Hansen calls for any further discussion and upon hearing none calls for vote. With none opposed, motion passed unanimously. With no further Commissioner Items offered Chairman Hansen calls for Public Input.

**Public Input** – Hearing none, Chairman Hansen calls for Motion to Adjourn. Chief takes this opportunity to introduce Nancy Manson stating she lives in the District and worked quite some time with EMS and they ran many calls together and she was one of the best paramedics he ever worked with. Nancy graciously accepts his compliment.

**Adjournment** - Commissioner Mere moves to adjourn. Commissioner Griffin seconded the motion, and with none opposed, meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.