

MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2022
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 9:00 A.M.
Meeting held at
Englewood Fire Administration Office
516 Paul Morris Drive, Englewood, FL 34223

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Vice-Chairman, Mr. Benedetti. Those present were: Mr. Benedetti, Mr. Kimberlin, Mr. Loisell, Lori Emery and Chief Easton. Mr. Davison and Mr. Knauf were absent.

CONSENT AGENDA FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING

Mr. Benedetti asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the consent agenda from the March 16, 2022 Board Meeting. Mr. Kimberlin made a motion to accept the consent agendas and financials subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Loisell and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comment

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Easton briefly updated the Board about the ground water sampling at the training center. The process is still pending the legislation publishing required sampling levels or suspending the sampling entirely. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the ALS program. He went onto explain that he's still experiencing supply chain shortages therefore, the new target date is sometime mid-May.

Chief Easton updated the Board regarding the Charlotte County Dispatch project. All the radios have been re-banned. He is scheduled to meet with Charlotte County and Sarasota County to create and/or revise current MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with each county. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton introduced Peter Zappulla, the departments new Maintenance Technician. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated to the Board about the upcoming Florida Special Fire District Performance Review in October. He continued to explain that this could potentially cost the department over \$100k but thought that potentially accredited agencies may be exempt from the audit. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the recent Brush Truck that was donated from the Division of Forestry. It's still with the mechanic for a complete evaluation plus, any repairs needed. He went onto explain that the Skid Unit that was supposed to be installed will be delayed due to a fire at the manufacturing warehouse. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board on the current Fire Impact Fee Study with Raftelis. He went onto explain that their still compiling data but felt confident the numbers and study should be complete soon. He also added that after conversations with Rafetelis, it's possible that the department may need to create more categories for commercial infrastructures. A short discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Brown from Ashley, Brown, Co., presented and reviewed the district financial statements to the Board. A short discussion ensued.

Chief Easton provided the Board with the GSG (Government Services Group) events schedule for the Districts FY 2022-23 Fire Assessment Program. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board that Firefighter/Paramedic and Single-Certified Paramedic positions have been posted. He confirmed that two (2) Firefighters have submitted their letters of retirement therefore, he has begun to recruit their replacements. Chief Easton also spoke about a recent academy student who may be a potentially good fit for the department. The candidate is being scheduled for Pre-employment Interview and Skill Assessment. A short discussion ensued.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No Public comment at this time.

DVP COMMENT:


No DVP comment at this time.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Mr. Kimberlin asked about the fire incident in South Gulf Cove. Chief Easton praised the efforts of the B Shift crew. They did a great job protecting properties and no homes were affected.

Mr. Loisell asked if the department will be donating supplies to Ukraine. Chief Easton confirmed that EAFCD will be donating 60 sets of used gear once the new gear arrives.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45am.



Ron Benedetti, Vice-Chairman

DATED: 5-25-2022



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