

MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2024
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 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 Chairman, Mr. Davison. Those present were: Mr. Benedetti, Mr. Kimberlin, Mr. Loisell, Mr. Knauf, Lori Wellbaum, and Chief Easton.

CONSENT AGENDA FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING

Mr. Davison asked if there were any questions, corrections, or additions to the consent agenda from the 01/17/2024 Board Meeting. Mr. Benedetti made a motion to accept the consent agenda and financials from 01/17/2024 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Loisell and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comment

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Easton updated the Board about the new generators. He explained there's delay with Sarasota County for the final fire inspection for Station 71 but the project is near completion.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the Englewood Fire Training Center well monitoring. He explained that the DEP collected the water samples; he's waiting for the testing reports.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about the Impact Fees and Inspections for Sarasota County properties. He explained that Sarasota County has drafted an interlocal agreement's which has been approved by their legal counsel. The agreements will now be presented to the planning and development department for review and approval. A small discussion ensued.

approve EAFCD to perform new construction fire inspections. An interlocal agreement has been drafted; it will be presented to the planning and development department for review and approval. A small discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Benedetti addressed the Board to elect and approve Board officers for 2024. Mr. Benedetti nominated Mr. Davison for Chairperson. There were no further nominations. Mr. Davison was unanimously elected as Chairperson for 2024 Fire Commission Board. Mr. Benedetti withdrew from his position as Vice Chair. Mr. Kimberlin nominated Mr. Loisell as Vice Chair. There were no further nominations. Mr. Loisell was unanimously elected as Vice Chairperson for 2024 Fire Commission Board. Mr. Knauf nominated Mr. Kimberlin for Treasurer. There were no further nominations. Mr. Kimberlin was unanimously elected as Treasurer for the 2024 Fire Commission Board.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about the Florida Legislature passing a law requiring all Special District elected officials to receive four hours of ethics-specific training each year. Chief Easton went onto explain that an email was sent by the FASD offering an online course. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about another local property/building that is available for purchase. He went onto explain the possibilities for the building but also positive infrastructure and enhanced amenities to the responding neighborhoods. A long discussion ensued. Mr. Knauf made a motion for Chief Easton to obtain a feasibility study before presenting an offer. It was seconded by Mr. Kimberlin and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about recently obtaining services for GIS mapping for the district. He went onto explain the available data; reviewing and explaining a report with population profiles and community numbers. Chief Easton also noted that in addition to the data, the mapping would provide accurate district boundaries. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board on the vehicle accident that involved Truck 75. He went onto explain that the citizen involved in the accident has filed a lawsuit. Chief Easton contacted Lori Wellbaum to discuss the matter; everything will continue to be handled by the department insurance company. A possible settlement will be finalized soon.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about his intentions to apply for the Assistant to Firefighters (AFG) Grant for 2024. He explained that he will apply for the grant to replace the department air packs that are currently over 10 years old and will reach the maximum service life. The cost to replace the air packs is approximately \$410K; if the grant is approved, the district is only responsible for 10% of the cost. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton reminded the Board of the upcoming Award Ceremony, March 2, 2024.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No public comment at this time.

DVP COMMENT:

No DVP comment at this time.


COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Mr. Knauf expressed how much he's enjoyed the last two years serving on the Board. He also added how much he supports Chief Easton and the efforts that he continues to make to the department; changes that continue to have a positive impact on the Englewood community and it's growth.

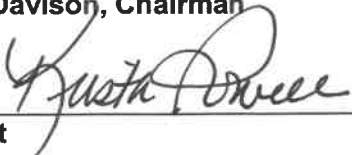
Mr. Loisell expressed his gratitude to Chief Easton and all of the staff efforts.

Mr. Benedetti thanked Mr. Davison for his 10 years of service on the Board and his commitment to the department.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04am



Ron Davison, Chairman DATED: 3/27/2024



Attest DATED: 3/27/24