

MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF MAY 15, 2024
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, May 15, 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. Loisell, Mr. Benedetti, Mr. Kimberlin, Lori Wellbaum, and Chief Easton. Absent: Mr. Knauf.

CONSENT AGENDA FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING

Mr. Davison asked if there were any questions, corrections, or additions to the consent agenda from the 04/24/2024 Board Meetings. Mr. Benedetti made a motion to accept the consent agenda and financials from 04/24/2024 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Kimberlin and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comment

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Easton updated the Board about the transient property inspections. He explained that he has prepared a letter to go out to property owners notifying them of the new law requirements for inspections plus instructions of how to schedule inspections on the district website. Chief Easton also explained that a separate public hearing will be held prior to approve the rates plus, advertisements will be published to notify the public. A small discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about the rate scenarios provided by Anser Advisory (previously Government Services Group, Inc.). He requested the members review the scenarios and at the next meeting they will begin discussions on the rates and budget. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about the new filing process for Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics. He explained that each member is required to file electronically rather than by mail. Chief Easton also confirmed that the Board members are only required to file Form 1; not Form 6. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about the recent staff health insurance renewal. He explained that Wampler-Varner Insurance company was able to negotiate a zero increase on premiums for 2024/2025 renewal. He added that it was a tremendous saving to the district but also that savings can be passed onto the staff. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton confirmed with the Board that the IAFF (Suncoast Professional Firefighters & Paramedics, Local 2546) has filed the Notice of Negotiations to the PERC (Public Employee Relations Commission) therefore, he and the Board can begin discussions of the contract renewal. Chief Easton suggested the first shade meeting be scheduled after the June meeting to discuss the articles. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the annual conference. He confirmed that all members are scheduled to attend, and accommodations are confirmed. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about a potential piece of property that may be available for the Station 72 project. He explained that it's located around Winchester Blvd and Placida Road; that it's very preliminary but would continue to research it. A small discussion ensued.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No public comment.

DVP COMMENT :

No DVP comment.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

No Commissioner Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41am.



Ronald Davison, Chairman

DATED: 06/26/2024



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