



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

December 8, 2009

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 10, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Schweers opened the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Silent Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Messina, Commissioner Sassano, Commissioner Schweers and Commissioner James were present.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Assistant Chief Wahlig explained the purchasing process and the newly designed purchase order software that was created in-house.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Jim Ward of Bonita Springs, Florida spoke on behalf of Bruce Philp.

Robert McMichael of Estero, Florida spoke on behalf Bill Reynolds.

Nick Batos of Estero, Florida expressed his gratitude to Chief Vanderbrook and the men and women of Estero Fire Rescue in the way they contributed to the service for Sam Levy. Mr. Batos also spoke on behalf of Bruce Philp.

Terry Furhovden of Bonita Springs, Florida spoke on behalf of Bruce Philp.

Jim Boesch of Estero, Florida spoke on behalf of Bill Reynolds.

Robert Schroeder of Estero, Florida spoke on behalf of Bill Reynolds.

ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

No items to be pulled for discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Sassano made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1, 2 and 4 as presented. Commissioner James seconded, all were in favor, motion carried. (Note: Consent Agenda item 3 was not available due to unforeseen software issues.)

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. **DECLARE SEAT 3 AS VACANT DUE TO THE PASSING OF COMMISSIONER LEVY.**
No motion or vote required.
2. **APPOINT SOMEONE TO FILL COMMISSION SEAT 3.** Commissioner Schweers allowed five minutes to each new applicant to speak before the Board and three minutes for prior applicants from the October Board meeting to speak before the Board, with questions from the Commissioners. New applicants: Dave Davenport and Bill Reynolds. Prior applicants who chose to speak: Michael Connolly and Bruce Philp. Commissioner Schweers read a letter from prior applicant, Mark Miller, who was unable to attend.

*Commissioner Schweers called for a recess at 5:59 pm.
Commissioner Schweers reconvened the meeting at 6:06 pm.*

*Commissioner James made a motion to appoint Bruce Philp as Commissioner, Seat 3.
Commissioner Messana seconded. After discussion and further comment, Commissioner
Schweers called for a vote, all were in favor, motion carried.*

Commissioner Schweers performed the swearing in of Bruce Philp as Commissioner, Seat 3.

WALK ON ITEMS

Chief Vanderbrook briefly explained the contract negotiations regarding wages and the verbal agreement that has been passed by the union. Chief Vanderbrook noted the original contract would have cost the District \$428,000 and the new agreement would be half that amount, \$214,000. *After discussion, Commissioner Schweers called for a vote; all were in favor of accepting the agreement.*

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- January 26, 2010 at 6:30 PM at EFR joint meeting between Estero, San Carlos and Bonita Springs presentation by TriData re joint merger/consolidation; informational meeting only, no voting will take place.
- December 6, 2009 at noon at Estero Community Park will be a picnic hosted by the Estero Fire Wives' Club.
- Quarterly in-house newsletter provided to the Commissioners.
- EFR is hosting an International Mtn. Bike Association Class this week, certification for the EFR EMS Bike Team.
- November 11 administrative office closed in observance of Veterans Day
- November 26-27 administrative office closed in observance of Thanksgiving holiday
- Boat has been received; trailer being made – approximately 2 months away from being fully outfitted, personnel trained and operational. Chief Vanderbrook provided a brief explanation on the boat grant.
- Annual review of Chief Vanderbrook – *Commissioner Sassano made a motion to extend Chief Vanderbrook's employment agreement for another year. Commissioner Messana seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Commissioner Schweers provided an update on the traffic signal near Station 42.
- Commissioner Schweers noted inquiry by ECCL on the emergency healthcare facilities and the support by EFR; Chief Vanderbrook will follow up with Mr. Eslick.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

3. **CONDUCT AN ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE TO OCCUR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2009 BOARD MEETING.**
Commissioner Sassano nominated Commissioner Schweers as Chairperson, Commissioner Messana seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Sassano nominated Commissioner James as Vice Chairperson, Commissioner Philp seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Sassano nominated Commissioner Messina as Secretary. Commissioner Messina declined. Commissioner Sassano nominated Commissioner Philp as Secretary. No second was made, motion failed.

Commissioner Sassano nominated Commissioner Philp as Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner James seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Commissioner Schweers asked general counsel Charles Schoech to provide a brief explanation of the Sunshine Law. General Counsel explained the Florida Sunshine Law.

Commissioner Messina made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner James seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle M. Sassano, Secretary