

# NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 16, 2024

Chairman Michael Gatewood called the North Fort Myers Fire Control and Rescue Service District Board of Commissioners to order at 5:05 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

#### **Present:**

Commissioner Michael Gatewood  
Commissioner Bill Schaible  
Commissioner Tom Mere  
Chief Ronald Beecroft  
Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos  
Fire Marshal Rick Jones  
Public Education Officer Christi Fulton  
Office Manager Monique Brooks  
Union Representative Josh Ballard  
Attorney Remotely: Dirk Smits, Esq.

Commissioner Danny Ballard  
Commissioner Robert Hoke  
  
Assistant Chief John Manson  
  
Admin Specialist Emily Grgurich

**Absent:** None

**Invocation:** Commissioner Mere

**Pledge:** Commissioner Ballard

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes:** Commissioner Hoke made a motion to accept the August 19, 2024 minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Schaible. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. (1)

**Treasurer's Report:** The August Treasurer's Report was presented. At this time, we are 92% through the budget year, received 100% of revenues (including carryover) and spent 86% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions or comments. (2)

## **Chief's Report:**

By Chief Beecroft—

- Working on the 24/25 Budget, Union Negotiations, and a RFQ for the New Fire Station Property
- Our old Drone has been approved by the FDLE for replacement and reimbursement
- Held a Drone class in house so we will have more operators

By Asst. Chief Manson-

- Monthly run report attached.
- Stoves at all 3 stations have been replaced
- Working on replacing the back shower and kitchen cabinets at Station 3 (Slater Road)
- New Rescue is almost ready to be placed in service

**Prevention:** Report attached. Been very busy with New Construction. There were no questions or comments.

**Public Education:** Report attached. Getting ready for Fire Prevention Month (October) and CERT. There were no questions or comments.

**Training:** Report attached. Working with Cape Coral Fire Department on a new agreement regarding closest unit response. Commissioner Hoke asked what the closest Cape Fire Station was? Station 5. There were no other questions or comments.

**Union:** Negotiations are finished and we were able to come to an agreement and voting by the members will take place this weekend.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

## **Commissioner Items:**

Ballard – Feels that the \$16,000 that was spent on the labor attorney for negotiations was a waste of money because is it really necessary for him to be here? Yes, because all 4 members of Local 1826 plus the DVP were in attendance and the whole contract was open and had to be negotiated.

**Public Input:** Will the new station house a ladder truck? It will be built to accommodate one. Are we going to order one? We are working on prices.

**Community Goodwill & Thank You:** Memorial Donation was made on behalf of the Beebe Family from the Sanders Family.

**Commissioner Hoke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Mere. The motion was put to a vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.**

Supportive Documents:

1. August 19, 2024 Minutes
2. August Treasurer's Report