

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE  
DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 23, 2023

Chairman Robert Hoke 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 Robert Hoke	Commissioner Danny Ballard
Commissioner Bill Schaible	Commissioner Michael Gatewood
Commissioner Tom Mere (Arrived at 5:32 pm)	
Chief Ronald Beecroft	Assistant Chief John Manson
Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos	Fire Marshal Rick Jones
Office Manager Monique Brooks	
Public Education Officer Christi Kulwicki	
Union Representative Jarrett Slaybaugh	

**Absent:**

Administrative Specialist Avrey Brooks

**Invocation:** Commissioner Ballard

**Pledge:** Commissioner Gatewood

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes:**

**Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the December 19, 2022 minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0. (1)**

**Treasurer's Report:** The December Treasurer's Report was presented. At this time, we are 26% through the budget year, received 72% of revenues (including carryover) and spent 26% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions.  
(2)

**Chief's Report:**

By Chief Beecroft –

- Dropped off appraisals to Carter/Pritchett for Station 3 project.
- Looking at a piece of property on Pondella Road for a new station. Commissioner Hoke asked if this new station would replace Station 2? No, this would be for an additional station.
- Half of our FEMA claim has been submitted.
- Four firefighters have finished orientation and are on shift. Another one is set to begin orientation on February 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Promotional tests are upcoming.
- The current DRONE we have has been put out of service. Government agencies are no longer allowed to use that specific model.

By Chief Manson –

- Run report attached.
- The exhaust removal systems are all working.
- Getting new hires outfitted and ready to go.
- Station 2 upgrades will begin in February.
- The Truck Committee met Thursday regarding the new Engines. Will have something to bring to the board within the next few months.

**Prevention:** Report attached. Commissioner Ballard asked a question regarding the Sage apartments. He asked if each unit had to be inspected or just the building as a whole? Just the structure as a whole. Commissioner Schaible asked where the Sage apartments were located? Del Webb. Commissioner Ballard asked if we have a new Inspector? We are working on it. There were no other questions or comments.

**Public Education:** Report attached. Busy working with CERT and Florida Autism. Thank you to Monique, Lloyd, and Avrey for their participation at the car seat event at Cabana City. There were no other questions or comments.

**Training:** Report attached. Commissioner Hoke asked if the new employees were put through an orientation? Yes. Commissioner Ballard asked if the new employees are driven around the District and shown points of interest? Yes. There were no other questions or comments.

**Union:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

- **Rescue Trucks**

The District has ordered two Dodge trucks. Current Rescue 3 will become a Brush Truck and current Rescue 1 will be a spare Rescue.

**New Business:**

- **Election of Officers for Board**

**Chairman –**

Commissioner Ballard nominated Robert Hoke. Seconded by Commissioner Schaible.

**Vice Chairman –**

Commissioner Hoke nominated Danny Ballard. Commissioner Ballard stated that he may possibly be out for awhile with some medical issues. Commissioner Ballard nominated Mike Gatewood. Seconded by Commissioner Hoke.

**Secretary/Treasurer –**

Commissioner Gatewood nominated Bill Schaible. Seconded by Commissioner Hoke.

- **FYE 2022 Performance Audit**

Commissioner Gatewood stated that it looks like most of the recommendations we are already doing. Commissioner Schaible asked how often is the Performance Audit completed? Every five years.

**Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year Ending 2022 Performance Review, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard, with reservation that this is a waste of taxpayers' money. The motion was put to a vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.(3)**

- **Retiree Insurance Exemption**

**Commissioner Schaible made a motion to allow an exemption for Engineer Mike Best to receive benefits as provided in the Retiree Health Insurance policy. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard, noting this circumstance is due to medical necessity. The motion was put to a vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.**

- **New Fire Engine**

Chief Manson has assembled a Truck Committee and they will begin researching a new Fire Engine. Commissioner Ballard asked if each company was being looked at? Yes.

**Commissioner Items:**

Commissioner Schaible – Would like Chief Beecroft to block off the roadway in front of Station 1. Chief Beecroft disagrees because there is a D lane to turn in which he feels is much safer. Commissioner Ballard added that we looked at this years ago but determined it was too costly and too many variables.

**Public Input:** None.

\*Commissioner Mere arrived - 5:32 pm.

**Community Goodwill & Thank You:**

Participant in Juvenile Firesetters

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

**Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.**

Supportive Documents:

1. December 19, 2022, Minutes
2. December Treasurer's Report
3. FYE 2022 Performance Review