

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE
DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 18, 2025

Chairman William Schaible 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 James Land
Commissioner Danny Ballard
Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos
Fire Marshal Rick Jones
Public Education Officer Christi Fulton
Attorneys Remotely: Hunter O'Connor

Commissioner Bill Schaible
Assistant Chief John Manson
Battalion Chief Dunn
Admin Specialist Emily Grgurich

Absent: Commissioner Tom Mere

Chief Ronald Beecroft

Office Manager Monique Brooks

Union Representative Josh Ballard

Invocation: Commissioner Ballard

Pledge: Commissioner Land

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to allow Commissioner Mere to attend remotely, there was not a second. Motion did not pass.

Public Input: None

Minutes:

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to approve the July 21, 2025, minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Land. The motion was put to vote and approved by the Board. The vote was 3-1. (1)

Treasurer's Report: The July Treasurer's Report was presented by Emily. At this time, we are 84% through the budget year, received 102% of revenues (including carryover) and spent 81% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions or comments. (2)

Chief's Report:

By Battalion Chief Dunn–

- Station Committee has met
- Meeting held with the Architect
- Trail Dairy Property is set for demolition on September 18th
- Union Negotiations are finished
- Working on Insurance renewals

By Asst. Chief Manson-

- Monthly run report attached
- Truck Committee had a virtual meeting with Ten 8
- Annual septic services completed
- Annual PMIs completed
- Annual hose testing completed

Prevention: Report attached. There were no questions or comments.

Public Education: Busy with several summer camps in July. Our CERT volunteer Beth Helmick received CERT member of the year for the entire State of Florida at the recent CERT Conference. No questions or comments.

Training: Report attached. There were no questions or comments.

Union: No Representation

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Award for Construction Manager Bid to highest ranked Firm, with a recommendation by Staff be awarded to Stevens Construction.**

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to enter contract negotiations with Stevens Construction. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to vote and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

(3)

Commissioner Items:

Ballard – I was informed by Hunter O’Conner stating that Legal Counsel for the owner of the billboard wants it to stay where it is until December of 2026. I spoke with the Director of permitting at the county, and they will not issue any permits to us due to the billboard issue. Discussion ensued regarding permitting. Chris Lee stated that he will inquire about a meeting with the county.

Public Input: Debra Ballard stated concerns over the billboard.

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to a vote and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. July 21, 2025, Minutes
2. July Treasurer’s Report
3. Notice of Intended Action, Recommendations to Award