



NORTH COLLIER FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING BETWEEN
NORTH COLLIER FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
AND IMMOKALEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

Thursday, June 16, 2016 – 6:00 P.M

502 New Market Rd E ■ Immokalee, Florida ■ 34142

MINUTES (FINAL)

Approved at the July 14, 2016 Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting.

Present from North Collier Fire:

Commissioners: James Burke, Ramon Chao, Norman Feder (Chairman), Margaret Hanson, Richard Hoffman and John McGowan (Not present were Christopher Crossan and J. Christopher Lombardo); Staff: Chief James Cunningham and Executive Assistant Lori Freiburg

Present from Immokalee Fire Control:

Commissioners: Joe Bister, Ann Goodnight (Chairwoman), Robert Halman, Bonnie Keen and Ed Olesky; Staff: Chief Paul Anderson and District Attorney Ken Thompson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order, along with a notation of date and time, by Chairman Feder at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PRAYER OR MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Lori Freiburg confirmed that the meeting had been publicized.

5. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Chairman Feder noted that a quorum was established for both Boards. Both Boards introduced themselves.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

For North Collier Fire, Commissioner Burke moved to approve the agenda as presented with Commissioner McGowan seconding. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6:0. For

Immokalee Fire, Commissioner Olesky moved to approve the agenda as presented with Commissioner Bister seconding. Chief Anderson requested that Agenda Items 7A(2) and 7A(3) be combined as Fleet Maintenance and Training were included in one interlocal agreement. No objections were noted from Commissioners Olesky and Bister. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6:0.

7A. BUSINESS OF THE DISTRICTS &

7B. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL AND/OR FUTURE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

Discussion ensued regarding the interlocal agreements with questions asked by both boards to clarify the intent and specifics of the agreements. Both Boards noted that they were not meeting to discuss consolidation, but instead for the purpose of finding ways to improve efficiencies and interoperability as per public request (via the March 2015 ballot question). Both Boards indicated that small steps were needed first, and the two agreements for Fleet Maintenance/Training and Fire Plan Inspections would provide this while maintaining local control of each fire district. Attorney Thompson requested that Section 14 (Attorney Fees) be deleted from the Fire Inspection agreement. No objections were noted.

Discussion continued with Staff being directed to evaluate additional interoperability in the areas of Information Technology, Payroll & Human Resources, Purchasing, Logistics, Accounts Payable and Administration/Management.

Public comments were made by Paul Devan (Immokalee Fire employee and North Collier Fire resident) and Javier Gonzalez (on behalf of Arthrex) with both conveying support for the interlocal agreements as it would improve services to employees and community. Bryan Horbal, Local 2297 District Vice President (from Immokalee), thanked the Boards for their support. Local 2297 District President Chris Spencer (from North Collier) noted the Union's excitement for having Immokalee merge with them.

8. SET DATES FOR FUTURE JOINT MEETING &

9. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE DATES FOR JOING BOARD MEETING WITH BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF IMMOKALEE, NORTH COLLIER AND GREATER NAPLES AS REQUESTED BY COLLIER EMERGENCY SERVICES TASK FORCE

Both Boards acknowledged no objections to a joint meeting with Greater Naples and determined that both Boards would be available on Monday, August 15th or Tuesday, August 16th for a 6:00 p.m. meeting. The Boards directed Staff to forward these dates to Greater Naples for their consideration. They also noted that the purpose of the meeting was for discussion on ways to work collaboratively as per the public's ballot question response. The Ag Center was discussed as a possible venue for the meeting. The Boards also noted that if the Greater Naples Board was unable to meet, that North Collier and Immokalee would still meet to discuss further ways to work collaboratively. They directed Staff to evaluate further ways to work together in the areas of IT and payroll.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

An award was presented to North Collier Fire by Chief Anderson on behalf of Sunripe Farms for the District's help with the 2015 Health Fair.

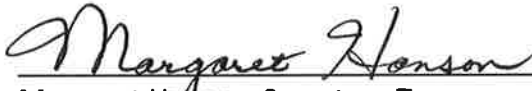
11. ADJOURN MEETING

Commissioner Burke moved to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner McGowan seconding. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6:0. Commissioner Keen moved to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Bister seconding. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5:0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

AUDIO IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

(Audio recording for this meeting is poor with much of the discussion inaudible.)



Margaret Hanson, Secretary-Treasurer
North Collier Fire Control and Rescue District



Date

Approval: Initials:  Date: 