

**TICE FIRE DISTRICT  
9351 WORKMEN WAY  
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33905**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**August 14, 2025**

**1. Call to Order:** Chairperson Cannamela brought the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Tice Fire and Rescue District Station One located at 9351 Workmen Way, Fort Myers, Florida 33905.

**Verification of Quorum:**

Commissioners present:	Tim Barrett	Present
	James Burgess	Present
	T.J. Cannamela	Present
	Carolyn Miller	Present
	Ted Pickering	Excused absence
	Chief Runk	Present
	Rena Smart	Present
	Attorney Pringle	Present

**2. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Chaplain Crump said the prayer and blessing for the department.**

**3. Adopt Agenda:**

Commissioner Miller made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Vote: Unanimously for.

**4. Recognitions:**

None.

**5. Financial Report**

Rena Smart gave the financial report for July 2025. The District received \$202,901.04 in ad Valorem taxes, \$5,000 in PGIT TIPS grant income, \$835 in miscellaneous revenues (including fire inspections and CPR classes), \$12,638.89 in interest income, \$794.23 in impact fee interest, \$97.13 in vendor discounts (Comcast credit), and \$7.00 in sales of fixed assets (sale of old battery). The total income for the month of July 2025 was \$222,273.29.

**TICE FIRE DISTRICT  
9351 WORKMEN WAY  
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33905**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Rena stated that at the end of July 2025, the District had \$57,826.53 in the Synovus checking account, which earns 4 percent in interest and earned \$385.71 in interest, \$234,196.86 in the Synovus impact fee account, which earns 4 percent in interest, and earned \$794.23 in interest, and \$3,566,501.89 in the Synovus money market account, which earns 4 percent in interest and earned \$12,253.18 in interest; and compared to the money market in July 2024, the balance was \$3,465,131.71. The total expenses for the month of July 2025 were \$433,795.81.

She stated everything was normal for the month, except the last bunker gear lease payment to Santander for \$16,590.51, the last quarterly payment to PGIT for \$17,145.25, and the December fuel invoice from Lee County School District for 1,495.77. Rena informed the Board that the District had total funds at the end of July 2025: \$3,858,525.28. She showed a comparison of funds for this year's total funds compared to July 2024, which was \$3,314,499.71 and July 2023, which was \$2,726,492. She asked the Board if there were any questions, and the Board stated there were none. The Board reviewed the bills, and Commissioner Cannamela and Commissioner Burgess signed the checks.

**6. Chief's Report**

Chief Runk gave the Chief's report for the month of July 2025:

\*During the month of June, the District responded to 275 emergency 911 calls:

One structure fire

One vehicle fire

179 EMS calls

50 canceled en-route

A small variety of other call types.

\*The new BC truck was upfitted at Lightning Wireless.

\*Crews completed updated pit crew training with LCEMS.

\*Crews facilitated a water day for special needs students at Lehigh Senior High School.

\*Annual pump tests were completed on our apparatus.

\*We attended training with KNOX Box Company.

\*Completed semi-annual cleaning of our bunker gear.

\*We just received a check from State of Florida for \$37,215.19, which is the FDEM reimbursements for Hurricane Helene and Milton, and Rena deposited the check today.

**TICE FIRE DISTRICT  
9351 WORKMEN WAY  
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33905**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**7. Attorney's Report**

Attorney Pringle stated that the County finally has signed the amendment to the EMS CAM rental; and hopefully, there will be a check in the mail next month. He also has brought the budget amendment and resolution. He plans to speak on the annual fire chief evaluation, as well. Chief Runk has received the signed closest unit response interlocal agreement with North Fort Myers Fire District and City of Fort Myers Fire District; and Attorney Pringle has made some revisions to it, and the revisions were accepted by all three fire districts, and he explained the revisions to the Board. This is a 180-day term to see how it works. If the interlocal agreement works well, we can extend it. The Board asked questions, and Attorney Pringle and Chief Runk explained how the closest unit response works.

**8. Union Report**

a) District 8

b) District 26

DVP Williams reported for both units, District 8 and District 26, and both are currently in contract negotiations with administration.

**9. Public Input on Consent & Business Agenda Items:**

None.

**10. Consent Agenda Items:**

**a. Approve prior meeting minutes:**

Commissioner Barrett made a motion to approve the prior July 2025 Board meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Burgess. Vote: Unanimously for.

**b. Approve District disbursements and required fiscal action:**

Commissioner Barrett made a motion to approve the consent agenda items for the month of August 2025 and approve District disbursements and required fiscal action, seconded by Commissioner Burgess. Vote: Unanimously for.

**11. Old Business Agenda Items**

**a. Closest Unit Response**

Attorney Pringle stated he described the terms: withdraw from the agreement with 7-days written notice, and we can waive participation at any point with our discretion. He stated he can answer any questions the Board may have, and the participants agreed to the revisions. Commissioner Burgess made a motion to authorize Chief Runk to sign the interlocal agreement as presented to the Board, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Vote: Unanimously for.

**TICE FIRE DISTRICT  
9351 WORKMEN WAY  
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33905**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**12. New Business Agenda Items**

**a. Annual Fire Chief Evaluation**

Attorney Pringle stated that under Chief Runk's agreement, there is a provision that he read to the Board that states the Board may review and evaluate Chief Runk's performance at least annually. He explained that in the past the Board has elected to use an informal method of an evaluation, and there is nothing that mandates the method of the review. The Board decided to do the informal oral evaluation as done in the past:

**Commissioner Cannamela:** He is doing a fantastic job in his opinion; he reaches out when needed, and he handles things. He stated the Board will follow up in the first quarter of 2026.

**Commissioner Miller:** She appreciates everything he has been trying to do and stated he answers all her questions within a few hours' time period; she appreciates Chief Runk for getting everything for the meeting out earlier as compared to previously.

**Commissioner Barrett:** He stated he is doing a great job and good work; Chief Runk is working on the five-year plan, he believes.

**Commissioner Burgess:** He stated why repeat everything; he stated what everybody else said.

**Commissioner Pickering:** Excused absence

**b. Budget Amendment**

Attorney Pringle stated the Board has a proposed resolution that amends the budget for the fiscal year of 2024-2025. He explained the changes, which is highlighted in yellow, in detail regarding the budget amendment to the Board. He stated he would be glad to answer any questions. Commissioner Cannamela asked about the line item "other gov't revenue," and Chief Runk explained it was mostly the overtime reimbursement from FDEM for Hurricanes Milton and Helene.

Chief Runk explained the new line items, "IT services" and "Internet," which will be allocated from the "Misc expense" line item, which was put into "Misc expense" until we set up the new line items with the budget amendment.

Commissioner Burgess made a motion to adopt the budget amendment resolution #2025-08-14, seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Commissioner Miller:** Aye

**Commissioner Barrett:** Aye

**Commissioner Cannamela:** Aye

**Commissioner Burgess:** Aye

**Commissioner Pickering:** Excused absence

**TICE FIRE DISTRICT  
9351 WORKMEN WAY  
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33905  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**c. Equipment Purchase**

Chief Runk did a presentation on purchasing a new generator at Station 3, because the ignition control module has gone out, and the item is obsolete. The existing generator was purchased in 2001:

<b>Repair Existing</b>			<b>\$8,200</b>
<b>Generac Air Cooled</b>	<b>\$7,400</b>	<b>\$3,800</b>	<b>\$11,200</b>
<b>Generac Liquid Cooled</b>	<b>\$14,281</b>	<b>\$3,800</b>	<b>\$18,081</b>
<b>JTE Electric Install</b>		<b>\$3,800</b>	
<b>JTE Electric Gen &amp; Install</b>			<b>\$27,480</b>
<b>Berkshire Bay Gen &amp; Install</b>			<b>\$43,441</b>

**Asking for approval to replace the generator at Sta. 3, not to exceed \$20,000.  
4621 Capital Improvement Fund \$100,000 balance**

The Board discussed it. Commissioner Burgess made a motion to purchase the Generac Liquid Cooled generator ourselves and install it, not to exceed a price of \$20,000, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Vote: Unanimously for.

**d. Property Control**

Chief Runk stated to the Board that since we just agreed to purchase a new generator, the District needs to delete property control #511 generator at Station 3, (originally purchased for \$9,015), and property control #512 transfer switch at Station 3, (originally purchased for \$1,190) and to declare these items as surplus according to section 274.06 of the Florida Statutes. Commissioner Burgess made a motion to declare property control numbers 511 and 512 items as surplus, less than \$5,000, according to section 274.06 of the Florida Statute, remove them from the property control, and authorize Chief Runk to dispose of them, seconded by Commissioner Miller. Vote: Unanimously for.

**13. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items:**

None.

**14. Commissioners Comments:**

- Commissioner Miller:** She stated everybody is doing a great job.
- Commissioner Barrett:** He questioned if in the five-year plan, the District was going to rebuild Station 3.
- Commissioner Burgess:** He stated nothing; everything seems to be running fine; the Chief is doing great.
- Commissioner Cannamala:** He stated no comment on his end.
- Commissioner Pickering:** Excused absence.

**Adjournment:** Commissioner Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Vote: Unanimously for.