

Little Gasparilla Island Fire and Rescue

Board Minutes

March 25, 2026

Call to Order: Roy Petteway called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

Directors Present: Roy Petteway, Pede Fraser, Ryan Chamblee and Eileen Handberg (telephonically)

Approval of Minutes: Roy Petteway moved to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2025 meeting as read. Ryan Chamblee seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Ryan Chamblee gave the treasurer's report which will be posted to the web site. Pede Fraser moved to approve the 2026 budget as presented subject to answers to be obtained from the accountant and the county. Ryan Chamblee seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Proposed Garage Update: Ryan Chamblee gave an update on the garage. There will be a special use permit hearing at the county on May 13, 2026 with regards to the proposed garage.

Fire Chiefs Report: Chief Bill Underhill gave the Fire Chief's report which will be posted to the web site. Chief Bill Underhill will post a reminder about the burn ban on Facebook. Pede Fraser will include a notice of the burn ban in the board meeting email for the May 21, 2026 meeting. Ryan Chamblee will procure burn ban signs and Duffy Smith will distribute the signs. Pede Fraser moved to allocate \$500.00 for the procurement of burn ban signs. Ryan Chamblee seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Staffing Committee – There is \$25,000.00 budgeted for staffing relief. Charlotte County is currently paying \$59,000.00 per year with benefits for starting firefighters and they are currently short 66 firefighter positions. Sarasota is short 125 firefighters. Chad Bradt is an option for \$50,000.00 plus housing. Pede Fraser will reach out to Barbara Pendergrass and Tim Robbins regarding weekly and monthly rentals of their houses. Roy Petteway will reach out to Chad Bradt. Ryan Chamblee spoke with the Hideaway Bay Beach Club (HBBC) Board regarding LGIFR access to HBBC facilities. They are not interested in extending access to LGIFR at this time. Ryan Chamblee will continue to follow up with HBBC. Chief Bill Underhill will forward the LGIFR insurance policies to Ryan for use with further negotiations with HBBC.

Web Site: Pede Fraser requested anyone with Fire Board photos to send them to Kalindi Jackson. Ryan Chamblee will forward the 2026 budget to Kalindi for inclusion on the website. Pede Fraser will ask Kalindi if we can have a mail chimp sign up on the website.

Budget: There are still questions for the county and the accountant regarding the budget. Once these questions are answered, Ryan will forward the budget to the county.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be May 21, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. at the Fire House.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pede Fraser, Secretary