



# BAYOU CANE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## Administration Division MINUTES

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING April 8, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of Bayou Cane Fire Protection District of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, met at the main station on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 11:30 AM.

Robert Page called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m. Upon roll call by Angela Hidalgo, the following Commissioners were present: Steve Folmar, Hayward Sims, Robert Page, and Jacob Rhodes. Ed Lawson, Travis Gravois, and Suzanne Carlos were recorded as absent. Others in attendance were Ken Himel, Kenny Hill, Kay Hebert, Toby Henry, Louis Eschete, Brent Tinkes, Cody Hebert, Mike Palmer, Ricky Valenti, Angela Hidalgo, Sonja Labat and Dana Schwab.

Motion by Jacob Rhodes, seconded by Hayward Sims to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024 meeting. Motion passed.

Under Public Comments, none.

Old Business: The agreement with St. Charles for the reserve ambulance has been reviewed and is ready to execute. This should be done today.

New Business: A motion was made by Jacob Rhodes, seconded by Hayward Sims to nominate Robert Page as Chairman. Motion carried. A motion was made by Robert Page, seconded by Steve Folmar to nominate Jacob Rhodes as Vict-Chairman. Motion carried. A motion was made by Hayward Sims, seconded by Jacob Rhodes to nominate Travis Gravois as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Folmar, seconded by Jacob Rhodes to approve the LA Compliance Questionnaire as presented. Motion carried.

Staff Reports: Fire Chief Ken Himel reported there have been 277 calls for the month of March, 934 year-to-date. He presented the breakdown for the month and the Quarter 1 statistics.

Fire Prevention Chief Mike Palmer reported on the New Business Construction Report, there were two remodels for the month of March. He reported on smoke alarms, permit information, 477 commercial inspections year-to-date. There was a job fair at Evergreen Junior High School, and there will be a Prom Night Mock Crash drill with ambulances at H.L. Bourgeois High School on Friday.

EMS Chief Toby Henry reported 7 students currently enrolled in the EMS class will wrap up in June. Another full-time EMT training course will begin May 14. There have been 163 patients transported to hospitals for the month of March, with 580 transferred year-to-date. There were three calls that were referred to Acadian Ambulance, the rest were handled by the District. 47% of the EMS calls were performed simultaneously with other calls (fire, EMS, etc.).

Toby Henry reported on behalf of Chief of Operations Brian Boudreaux that the academy students are all doing well and are working on their certifications. There are 9 students in total enrolled from Bayou Cane and 1 student from Dularge Fire Department. The current employee appointed civil service board member resigned and has been replaced by Gary Gros.



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Chief of Administration Kenny Hill reported the repairs to central station are substantially complete. The state fire marshal will perform a final inspection on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Quotes were sought for lettering and signage in the front. Geotechnical study resulted in the need for pilings to firm the foundation. WHP is in the process of getting quotes for pile driving. Should the schedule exceed the June 30 deadline for reimbursement, a request was made to the legislators for an extension.

Motion by Jacob Rhodes, seconded by Hayward Sims, to approve the financial report as presented. Motion passed.

Board Members: Jacob Rhodes and Hayward Sims thanked everyone for their service.

Motion by Jacob Rhodes seconded by Hayward Sims to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Motion passed. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, May 11, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

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Travis Gravois, Secretary

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Angela Hidalgo, Accountant