



Kenneth P. Himel, Jr.
Fire Chief

BAYOU CANE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

6166 WEST MAIN STREET · HOUMA, LA 70360



ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

December 9, 2019

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, December 9, 2019, at 11:30 a.m.

Nicholas Hebert called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Upon roll call by Ms. Sonja Labat, the following Commissioners were present: Robert Page, Nicholas Hebert, Travis Gravois, Suzanne Carlos and Ed Lawson. The following Commissioners were absent: Kelli Graffagnino. Others in attendance were Chief Himel, Chief Hill, Danna Schwab, Kay Hebert, Sonja Labat, Michael Palmer, Greg Boudreaux, Adam Schmidt, Ryan Hertz, Trevor Betz, Nathaniel Folse and Cameron Deroche.

It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Travis Gravois, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2019. Motion passed.

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

Chief Himel introduced the four new recruits to the board, Ryan Hertz, Trevor Betz, Nathaniel Folse and Cameron Deroche. There were five new recruits, but they lost one.

Chief Himel reviewed the budget message and the conclusion. He explained the 11% increase in the budget. There will be a salary increase due to the four new hires due to the Safer Grant. Firefighters Retirement System is increasing 5%. Funds were budgeted in capital outlay for concrete repairs, extrication equipment upgrade, workout equipment for all four stations and additional tools and equipment. It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Robert Page to open public hearing. Motion passed. It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Robert Page to close public hearing. Motion passed. It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Travis Gravois to adopt the 2020 operating budget. Motion passed.

Chief Himel discussed the Fire Chief's report. There were 133 calls in the month of November and 1,566 year to date calls. He also discussed changes to the health insurance plan. A new renewal plan was offered to the district resulting in a 6.3% savings or \$47,700 annually.

It was motioned by Robert Page, seconded by Ed Lawson, to approve the November financials. Motion passed.

Nicholas Hebert reminded board members about their position expirations and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Travis Gravois thanked everyone for a good year. Ed Lawson praised the team for a great job and thanked Sonja Labat. Suzanne asked the status of the website, stated that she is proud to be on this Board and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Robert Page discussed election of officers. This will be placed on the January agenda.



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A motion was offered by Robert Page, seconded by Ed Lawson to adjourn the meeting at 12:14 am. Motion passed. The next regular scheduled meeting is January 13, 2020 at 11:30 am.

Travis Gravois, Secretary

Sonja Labat, Accountant