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MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 19, 2025

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, May 19, 2025, at 11:30 AM.

Robert Page called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Upon roll call by Angela Hidalgo, the following Commissioners were present: Hayward Sims, Robert Page, Jacob Rhodes, Steve Fulmar, Suzanne Carlos, and Ed Lawson. Travis Gravois was recorded as absent. Others in attendance were Kenny Hill, Kay Hebert, Toby Henry, Greg Boudreaux, Brent Tinkes, Tim Guidry, Louis Eschete, Mike Palmer, Ricky Valenti, Adam Schmitt, Daniel Blanchard, Brandon Adams, Landon Poimboeuf, Donavin Schillinger, Devin Atkins, Jessica Lirette, Lydia Naquin, Layne Becnel, Angela Hidalgo and Sonja Labat.

No one from the public addressed the board.

Motion by Ed Lawson, seconded by Steve Fulmar, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2025 meeting. Motion passed.

Old Business: None.

New Business: A motion was made by Ed Lawson, seconded by Suzanne Carlos to adopt the 2025 millage rate; motion carried.

Staff Reports: Chief Ken Himel reported there were 327 calls for the month of March, with 977 year to date. He presented the breakdown for the month and the analytics report.

Fire Prevention Chief Mike Palmer reported on the New Business Construction Report, renovations, smoke alarm installations, permits, fireworks permits, annual inspections, and public outreach events.

EMS Chief Toby Henry reported on the division and YTD EMS Statistics. The Tactical Casualty Combat Care class is complete and the district is participating in Active Shooter Class with the Sheriff's Office, as well as training with the School Board.

Chief of Operations Brian Boudreaux was absent, so Toby Henry gave the report on his behalf. They attended an EPR Conference with new fire report software. 8 members attended the Instructor 2 class and 4 members attended the aerial class (ladder truck).

Chief of Administration, Kenny Hill, reported the electrical work is finishing up for the burn building. Station 3 fan installed. Communications are up and running with 911 dispatch. The PIAL rating site visit October 15.

Motion by Ed Lawson, seconded by Jacob Rhodes to approve the financial report as presented. Motion passed.

Board Members: Ed Lawson discussed firefighter pay. Robert Page noted the LWCC Dividend check has been received on May 2 and will appear in the next set of financials.

Administration Division

Fire Prevention Chief, Mike Palmer, discussed his report. There were twenty smoke alarm installs done in February. He discussed new construction of a new apartment complex on Imperial. TGMC purchased the Workout Company building and it will be used as their wellness facility. There was one public ed at St. Bernadette for their parade. Permits and inspections were discussed. Only 1 out of 250 was not compliant.

EMS Chief, Toby Henry, discussed the EMS statistics. For the month of February, 180 patients were transported. The reserve unit is in service and was utilized during Mardi Gras. There were fifty emergency medical calls during the Mardi Gras parades.

Chief of Operation, Brian Boudreaux, briefly discussed training of five personnel. Wide Area Search training will be held next week. The district is hosting St. Charles for a TCCC class which will be a two-day class.

Chief of Administration, Kenny Hill advised that the concrete and dirt work for the burn building is complete, and a certificate of occupancy was obtained. He is getting quotes for electrical work needed. The insurance rating packet is 99% complete. FEMA has reviewed and finalized the Hurricane Francine project and it is in GOSHEP's hands for review. The reimbursement will include 75% of hurricane related costs and admin costs. The reimbursement is expected to be over $100,000.

It was motioned by Suzanne Carlos, seconded by Steve Fulmar to approve the February financials. Motion passed.

Jacob Rhodes thanked everyone for a job well done and for representing the district in the public. Robert Page congratulated everyone on the safety award.

A motion was offered by Suzanne Carlos, seconded by Steve Fulmar to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Motion passed. The next regular scheduled meeting is April 21, 2025 at 11:30 am.

Travis Gravois, Secretary

Sonja Labat, Accountant