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Administration Division

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 20, 2026

The Board of Commissioners of Bayou Cane Fire Protection District of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, met on Monday, January 20, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.

Robert Page called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m. Upon roll call by Sonja Labat, the following Commissioners were present: Robert Page, Jacob Rhodes, Travis Gravois, Ed Lawson. The following Commissioners were absent: Steve Fulmar, Suzanne Carlos and Hayward Sims. Others in attendance were Sonja Labat, Chief Himel, Chief Hill, Chief Henry, Chief Palmer, Kay Hebert, Greg Boudreaux, Louis Eschete, Aron Wolfe, Joshua Guidry and Adam Schmitt.

It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Jacob Rhodes to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2025. Motion passed.

There was no public wishing to address the board.

There was no old business.

A motion was offered by Ed Lawson, seconded by Travis Gravois to approve the 2025 audit engagement with Martin and Pellegrin in the amount of $27,000. Motion passed.

A motion was offered by Jacob Rhodes, seconded by Ed Lawson to approve the 2025 SAUP audit engagement with Martin and Pellegrin in the amount of $4,500. Motion passed.

Chief Himel discussed his report. There were 367 calls in the month of December and 4,044 year to date calls. Ther were four permits in the month of December, one for a kitchen build out and the others were permits.

Fire Prevention Chief, Michael Palmer discussed his report. There is a new building under construction on Hwy 311. There were two renovations in December, one bar and one restaurant. Twenty-three smoke alarms were installed. There were nine public education events, and the inspections are at 14%. The department has been busy assisting other departments.

EMS Chief, Toby Henry, discussed the EMS report. He advised that there were 201 transports in December. They are beginning to prepare for the Mardi Gras season. There are three recruits that will complete training on February 20th.

Chief Henry presented the Chief of Operations report as Brian Boudreaux was not present. The truck should be ready in March. EMT certifications were also discussed.

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Chief of Administration, Kenny Hill, advised that the department is transitioning into 2026. The department began using a new scheduling software and the transition has gone well. The new software will be a cost savings to the department. Hydrant painting was discussed as he contacted the contractor that was used last year. He would like them to begin after Mardi Gras. Hiring a vendor to do the painting is cost effective for the department. He has also began ordering new equipment for the truck.

It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Jacob Rhodes to approve the December financials. Motion passed. The Chairman advised that they are still reviewing insurance proposals. They are hoping to have final numbers in the next few days.

Ed Lawson wished everyone a happy and safe year.

A motion was offered by Ed Lawson, seconded by Travis Gravois to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 a.m. Motion passed. The next regular scheduled meeting is February 16, 2026 at 11:30 am.

Travis Gravois, Secretary

Sonja Labat, Accountant