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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD NICHOLAS HEBERT MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 10, 2022

The Board of Commissioners of Bayou Cane Fire Protection District of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, met on Monday, January 10, 2022, 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: Hayward Sims, Suzanne Carlos (via zoom), Jacob Rhodes, Robert Page, Nicholas Hebert and Ed Lawson arriving at 11:34. The following Commissioners were absent: Travis Gravois. Others in attendance were Chief Himel (via zoom), Chief Hill, Chief Boudreaux (via phone), Adam Schmitt, Mike Delaune, Mike Palmer, Greg Boudreaux, Danna Schwab, Kay Hebert, Sonja Labat and Angela Hidalgo (via zoom).

The minutes of the December 13th meeting were tabled as they were not included in the packet. The December minutes will be approved at the February meeting.

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

Chief Boudreaux discussed the EMS division and services. He discussed the number of medical calls and the delay in Acadian Ambulance's response. The district feels there is a need for this service. Chief Boudreaux asked the Board to create an EMS division to include two units. He discussed unit cost, operating expenses and salaries. Also discussed was various grants, funding sources and implementation goals. Chief Himel advised the board that they met with Representative Jerome Zeringue and plan to meet again at the end of January. Representative Zeringue is confident about the funding. It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Jacob Rhodes to formally create an EMS subdivision to expand as laid out in the EMS transport project as presented to the board. Motion passed.

It was motioned by Robert Page, seconded by Ed Lawson to move agenda item #6 to item #9. Motion passed.

Chief Hill discussed the Fire Chief's report. There were 2052 calls for the 2021 year. There were 1582 calls for the 2020 year. There were 35 permits in the month of December. He also discussed participating in the AFG grant and they are currently working on that.

It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Hayward Sims, to approve the December financials. Motion passed.

It was motioned by Robert Page, seconded by Hayward Sims to enter into executive session at 12:10. Motion passed.



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It was motioned by Robert Page, seconded by Ed Lawson to return to regular session. Motion passed.

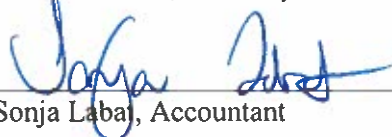
It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Robert Page to move Chief Himel's base pay to 6.9% plus the annual 2% required cost of living adjustment. Motion passed.

Jacob Rhodes acknowledged everyone for a great job. The Chairman acknowledged everyone for a good job on the EMS efforts. Definitive efforts are appreciated. Chief Himel will provide a budget amendment to the board to hire an EMS Assistant Chief for the EMS services division.

A motion was offered by Jacob Rhodes, seconded by Ed Lawson to adjourn the meeting at 12:29 p.m. Motion passed. The next regular scheduled meeting is February 14, 2022 at 11:30 am.



Travis Gravois, Secretary



Sonja Labaj, Accountant