



# BAYOU CANE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## Administration Division MINUTES

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 13, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of Bayou Cane Fire Protection District of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, met on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

Jacob Rhodes called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Upon roll call by Sonja Labat, the following Commissioners were present: Travis Gravois, Jacob Rhodes, Hayward Sims, Suzanne Carlos and Steve Fulmer. The following Commissioners were absent: Robert Page and Ed Lawson. Others in attendance were Sonja Labat, Angela Hidalgo, Danna Schwab, Chief Himel, Chief Hill, Mike Palmer, Chief Henry, Chief Boudreaux, Kay Hebert, Greg Boudreaux, Ricky Valenti, Brent Tinkes and Tim Guidry.

It was motioned by Hayward Sims, seconded by Travis Gravois to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 8, 2024. Motion passed.

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

There was no old business.

It was motioned by Travis Gravois, seconded by Suzanne Carlos to adopt the millage rate. Motion passed.

LWCC was present to Chief Himel with the Safest 70 award.

Chief Himel discussed the Fire Chief's report. There were 248 calls for the month of April and 1,182 year to date calls for the year 2024. He discussed the burn building status and gave an update on the Safer Grant which he will keep the board posted on. Chief presented Nick Hebert with a plaque for his service. Nick thanked everyone.

Fire Prevention Chief, Mike Palmer, discussed new construction of the United Methodist Church. He also discussed commercial building renovations, the old Office Depot building and six smoke alarm installations.

EMS Chief, Toby Henry, discussed the completion of the hybrid academy and training status. He also discussed EMS transports, an update on invoicing, an update on the reserve unit, and the status of a Medicaid error they are working through. He advised that an Intergovernmental Agreement is needed with the Ambulance Alliance, as it would benefit the district. It was motioned by Hayward Sims, seconded by Travis Gravois to place this item on the June meeting agenda. Motion passed.



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Chief of Operations, Brian Boudreaux, advised that the firefighters will be done with their academy training on Friday. After that, they will move on to EMT training. They are anticipating graduation at the end of June or beginning of July. He also discussed a large-scale disaster event held at Nicholls State University which was a great networking opportunity. The Woodmen of the World is restocking ambulances with stuffed bears for the children. They are also providing flag disposal boxes for the district.

Chief of Administration, Kenny Hill, advised that this is the year for the insurance rating and they have been busy working on that. The contractor is working on the foundation of the burn building, and they are still on track with the completion date hoping that the weather cooperates.

Jacob Rhodes questioned the increase in overtime and step up pay as compared to 2023. Chief Himel advised that it is because the district is short nine employees. The academy will allow for eight more employees. It was motioned by Travis Gravois, seconded by Suzanne Carlos to approve the April financials. Motion passed.

Hayward Sims thanked everyone for a job well done. Jacob Rhodes is looking forward to the graduation of those currently in the academy.

A motion was offered by Travis Gravois, seconded by Suzanne Carlos to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m. Motion passed. The next regular scheduled meeting is June 10, 2024 at 11:30 am.

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Travis Gravois, Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Sonja Labat".

Sonja Labat, Accountant