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Administration Division

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 16, 2026

The Board of Commissioners of Bayou Cane Fire Protection District of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, met on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.

Robert Page called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Upon roll call by Sonja Labat, the following Commissioners were present: Robert Page, Jacob Rhodes, Travis Gravois, Ed Lawson, Steve Fulmar, Suzanne Carlos and Hayward Sims. No commissioners were absent. Others in attendance were Sonja Labat, Chief Himel, Chief Hill, Chief Henry, Chief Palmer, Chief Boudreaux, Kay Hebert, Greg Boudreaux, Louis Eschete, Joshua Guidry, Adam Schmitt, Nathaniel Folse, Stephen Battaglia, Gary Gros, Kim Saulters, Brent Tinkes, Chris Englade, Bryce Thompson and Joel Pellerin.

It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Jacob Rhodes to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 20, 2026. Motion passed.

There was no public wishing to address the board.

Chief Himel discussed an old Ford Expedition that has been declared surplus. Bayou Black Fire Department would like to have it donated to them. A motion was offered by Ed Lawson, seconded by Steve Fulmar to authorize the Fire Chief to execute an MOU to donate the vehicle to Bayou Black Fire Department. Motion passed.

Chief Himel discussed charges for the 911 dispatch fees. He advised that the district had been hacked due to an email received. The banks, Bill.com and the Sheriff's office have all been notified. The insurance company has been notified in case a claim needs to be made. Technology Professionals was contacted to add additional layers of security.

Chief Himel discussed his report. Chief advised that Gary Gros was appointed for the Civil Service appointment renewal. There were 368 calls in the month of February and 712 year to date calls. He discussed the gutter replacement on the back side of the station. The gazebo construction is 95% complete.

Fire Prevention Chief, Michael Palmer discussed his report. He is happy that the Mardi Gras madness is over until next year. New construction, a RaceTrac gas station and a Dominoes training facility, was discussed. Ten smoke alarms were installed. The department experienced its first fire fatality in seven years and there were no smoke alarms in the home. Inspections are about one quarter complete.

EMS Chief, Toby Henry, discussed the EMS report. He advised that there were 191 transports in January and 202 transports in February. He discussed new ultrasound equipment and

training will begin soon on that so that it can be implemented in two to three months. He advised that they survived Mardi Gras.

Chief of Operations, Brian Bourdreaux advised that the academy is complete, which stabilized staffing. The driver/operator course was briefly discussed. The new fire truck is in production. He is working with LSU for rescue education classes. The rope rescue and confined space training was briefly discussed.

Chief of Administration, Kenny Hill, advised that the hydrant painting near the Station 4 area is almost complete. The fire wall at Central is being upgraded. In two years, the current server will be at its end of life . He plans to transition from the in-house server to a cloud based server. This upgrade will take months to set up. Thermal imaging cameras were ordered and have been installed in the trucks. Training is taking place for the use the thermal imaging cameras.

It was motioned by Travis Gravois, seconded by Ed Lawson to approve the February financials. Motion passed.

Steve Fulmar discussed a medical emergency at his house and thanked the staff for their professionalism.

A motion was offered by Travis Gravois, seconded by Ed Lawson to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Motion passed. The next regular scheduled meeting is April 20, 2026 at 11:30 am.

Travis Gravois, Secretary

Sonja Labat, Accountant