



BAYOU CANE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Administration Division MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

July 10, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of Bayou Cane Fire Protection District of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, met on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

The Chairman, 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, Ed Lawson, Suzanne Carlos and Steve Fulmer. The following Commissioners were absent: Travis Gravois, Jacob Rhodes and Hayward Sims. Others in attendance were Sonja Labat, Angela Hidalgo, Chief Himel, Chief Hill, Mike Palmer, Chief Henry, Chief Boudreaux, Kay Hebert, Greg Boudreaux, Ricky Valenti, Brent Tinkes, Louis Eschete and Adam Schmitt.

It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Suzanne Carlos to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 10, 2024. Motion passed.

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

There was no old business.

Chief Himel discussed moving the meeting to the 3rd Monday of every month. It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Suzanne Carlos to move the meeting to the 3rd Monday of every month. Motion passed

Chief Himel discussed the need for a CEA with the State of LA for the 2024 Act 745 funding of the training field improvements. The funding from the State of LA will be in the amount of \$200,000. The training prop is estimated to cost \$110,000. The remaining funds will be used for concrete around the burn building. Chief would like to begin prepping for this project. It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Suzanne Carlos to approve resolution 2024-07 authorizing the Fire Chief to execute the CEA with the State of LA. Motion passed. It was motioned by Suzanne Carlos, seconded by Ed Lawson to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a contract with Symtech for the purchase of a flashover prop, utilizing the funds awarded from the state, pending legal approval. Motion passed.

Chief Himel discussed the district's mobile fire trainer. It is 12-15 years old and the district will not need it anymore. Iberville want to purchase the mobile fire trainer for \$20,000. It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Suzanne Carlos to surplus the mobile fire trainer. Motion passed. It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Suzanne Carlos to authorize the Fire Chief to execute a CEA with the Iberville Firefighters Association for the purchase of the mobile fire trainer in the amount of \$20,000. Motion passed.



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Chief Himel discussed the Fire Chief's report. There were 297 calls for the month of June and 1,797 year to date calls for the year 2024. He discussed incident breakdowns. Chief invited the board members to attend the recruit graduation.

Fire Prevention Chief, Mike Palmer, advised that there were no issues with the fireworks stands. New commercial construction, commercial renovations and annual inspections were discussed. He also discussed the smoke alarm flyer that was included in the packets. The structure fire that happened yesterday, the occupants were alarmed by their smoke alarm. Flag Day was done last month at the Woodmen of the World.

EMS Chief, Toby Henry, advised that 271 patients were seen in June. The reserve unit is still in the shop. All EMT students will test at the end of the month. Three students passed the advanced EMT class. The state inspection will happen in July.

Chief of Operations, Brian Boudreaux, advised that they are working on a policy overhaul. He plans to do more specialized training at the end of September. They will be working with the Sheriff's office for the next two days for active shooter training.

Chief of Administration, Kenny Hill, advised that the Station 1 punch list is down to the dirt work and resolving an AC issue in the bunk room. The weather is slowing down the progress of the burn building. It should take about two more months to complete. He is working with Leo Ledet for LWCC levelized monthly payment adjustments, as a few things were mis calculated during the audit.

It was motioned by Suzanne Carlos, seconded by Ed Lawson to approve the June financials. Motion passed.

Robert Page asked about firework incidents and Chief advised that there were no issues. There were a few issues with permitting and notifications but no firework related incidents.

A motion was offered by Ed Lawson, seconded by Suzanne Carlos to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 p.m. Motion passed. The next regular scheduled meeting is August 19, 2024 at 11:30 am.

Travis Gravois, Secretary

Sonja Labat, Accountant

