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MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING February 13, 2023

The Board of Commissioners of Bayou Cane Fire Protection District of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, met at the main station on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 11:30 AM.

The Chairman, Nick Hebert called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Upon roll call by Angela Hidalgo, the following Commissioners were present: Nick Hebert, Robert Page, Hayward Sims, Jacob Rhodes and Ed Lawson. Suzanne Carlos and Travis Gravois were recorded as absent. Others in attendance were Ken Himel, Toby Henry, Kay Hebert, Mike Palmer, Brian Boudreaux, Cody Hebert, Trey Himel, Nathan Allan, Chris Englade, Stephen Battaglia, Louis Eschete, Tim Guidry, Wilbert Dupre, Michael Genovese, John Rice, Blake Rodriguez, Sonja Labat, and Angela Hidalgo.

Under Public Comments, Toby Henry briefed the board about an electrical accident involving Mr. Wilbert Dupre Jr. and the EMS service. Mr. Dupre made a full recovery thanks to the lifesaving efforts of the Bayou Cane EMS team. Mr. Dupre thanked the team and the board and presented lifesaving certificates to the following members: Battalion Chief Cody Hebert, Firefighter Michael Genovese, Engineer John Rice, and Captain Blake Rodriguez.

After a roll call vote and calls for Public Comment, Mr. Hebert discussed the current bank rates. A motion was offered by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Page, to convert the \$1.5 million currently held at b1 Bank to a 9 month CD. Motion passed.

Old Business, there was none.

New Business, a motion was made by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Sims to adopt the LA Compliance Questionnaire in connection with the annual audit. Motion passed. A motion was made by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Rhodes to approve the audit engagement letters with Martin & Pellegrin, CPAs. Motion passed.

Chief Himel discussed EMS billing. Toby Henry summarized the two companies' proposals and the varying rates for outsourcing EMS billing. A motion was made by Mr. Page, seconded by Mr. Lawson, to authorize the staff to continue negotiating the rate and execute a contract for these services based upon legal concurrence. Motion passed.

Staff Report, Chief Himel reported 183 calls for the month of January, and 5 renovations.



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Chief also updated the board on the following: delivery of the new ambulances are ahead of schedule; companies are putting together the specification for the apparatus needs; station repairs are underway with the meeting room being complete before next month, and Station 4 and Central Station will follow.

Motion was made by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Rhodes to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion passed.

Under Board Members, Mr. Sims commended the District on their response to a vehicle incident. Mr. Aron Wolfe was also commended by the board for handling a false alarm on a dehumidifier.

Motion by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Page to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m. Motion passed. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, March 13, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.

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Travis Gravois, Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angela Hidalgo", written over a horizontal line.

Angela Hidalgo, Accountant