



# **BAYOU CANE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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## **OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD NICHOLAS HEBERT MINUTES**

### **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**May 18, 2022**

The Board of Commissioners of Bayou Cane Fire Protection District of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, met on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 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: Hayward Sims, Robert Page, Suzanne Carlos, Jacob Rhodes and Ed Lawson. The following Commissioners were absent: Nicholas Hebert and Travis Gravois. Others in attendance were Chief Himel, Chief Hill, Sonja Labat, Mike Palmer, Greg Boudreaux, Toby Henry, Brian Boudreaux, Patti Floyd and Kay Hebert.

It was motioned by Suzanne Carlos, seconded by Ed Lawson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 18, 2022. Motion passed.

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

Chief Hill discussed the need for the bunker gear purchase. The bunker gear purchase was budgeted and approved but because the purchase will be \$3,170 over the budget that was approved, Chief Hill presented to the board again. A bid package was put out to bid and Ferrara Fire Apparatus was the lowest bidder. The gear is \$2,815 per set for coats and pants. \$47,500 was budgeted and the total cost for 18 sets is \$50,670. It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Suzanne Carlos to approve the bunker gear purchase in the amount of \$50,670. Motion passed.

Chief Himel discussed the donation of the old bunker gear. There was a booth at the FDIC set up for a program in Ukraine accepting used/old bunker gear. It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Hayward Sims, pending legal approval, to donate the used/old bunker gear. If not donated the bunker would need to be destroyed because it is expired. Motion passed.

Chief Hill discussed the generators at Station 2 and 3. The generators went out for the storm. Quotes were received, submitted to the insurance company and the district will be reimbursed. The lowest quotes were from Lane's AC and Heating. They require 50% down prior to ordering and expect them to be available in September. The Station 3 generator quote is for \$17,982 including installation. The Station 2 generator quote is \$16,113 including installation. It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Suzanne Carlos to authorize the purchase of the generators for Station 2 and 3. Motion passed.



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Chief Hill discussed the Community Disaster Loan. The amount approved from FEMA is \$673,336. The loan is based on loss of revenues for 2022, 2023 and 2024. It will be submitted for approval from the State Bond Commission. The resolution and approval will be deferred until more information is gathered. The board concerns are the interest rate, the term, whether it will be forgiven and how the funds will be spent and when it will be funded. Chief Hill will try to get some of these board concerns answered prior to the next meeting.

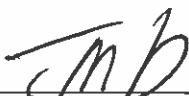
Chief Himel discussed state contracts for purchases. He is looking at HGAC cooperative purchasing agreement which the department would need to sign if the district chooses to participate. It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Suzanne Carlos to give Chief authorization to participate subject to legal approval. Motion passed.

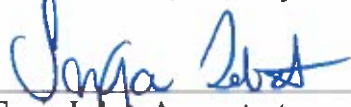
Chief Himel discussed the FEMA update. He also discussed developing a plan for district needs that would also be pitched to the Parish. These services are a separate cost and the fee is not reimbursable. A new fire station to include a safe house is part of the plan. It was motioned by Suzanne Carlos, seconded by Ed Lawson to authorize up to \$5,000 in fees to move forward with the plan. Motion passed.

Chief Himel discussed the Fire Chief's report. There were 168 incidents in April and 654 YTD incidents. Chief Palmer has been promoted to Fire Prevention Chief.

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

A motion was offered by Ed Lawson, seconded by Suzanne Carlos to adjourn the meeting at 12:28 p.m. Motion passed. The next regular scheduled meeting is June 13, 2022 at 11:30 am.

  
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Travis Gravois, Secretary

  
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Sonja Labat, Accountant