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MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING October 9, 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, October 9, 2023, at 11:30 AM.

Nick Hebert called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. Upon roll call by Angela Hidalgo, the following Commissioners were present: Travis Gravois, Nick Hebert, Robert Page, Jacob Rhodes, Ed Lawson. Suzanne Carlos and Hayward Sims were recorded as absent. Others in attendance were Ken Himel, Kay Hebert, Greg Boudreaux, Toby Henry, John Poiencot, Louis Eschete, Brent Tinkes, Brian Boudreaux, Luke Eschete, Mike Palmer, Brian Boudreaux, Angela Hidalgo, and Dana Schwab.

Motion by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Gravois to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023, meeting. Motion passed.

Under Public Comments, none.

Old Business, none.

New Business: Chief Himel discussed with the board the possibility of purchasing a brush truck, in connection with the recent marsh fires in the area. The estimated cost of a new brush truck is around \$290k, with a lead time of 15-20 months. The Chief asked the board for permission to look into a purchase. No action was taken.

Chief Himel discussed the staff vehicles. The budget is \$100k for the current year. The cost of new vehicles increased significantly over the year. There is a need for three vehicles. He requested permission to use the \$100k in the budget to purchase new staff vehicles. Being it is already within the budget; no action was taken.

Staff Reports: Chief Himel reported there were four new permits issued, 218 calls for the month of September, with a breakdown in the report. Miscellaneous calls included the marsh fire previously discussed. He mentioned the cooperation with the BC and other neighboring fire departments, as well as parish government and TPSO. He updated the board on the EMS vehicles and is scheduling a dedication for the new ambulances on the afternoon of November 3rd. Currently staff is working on the 2024 budget to be presented at the November meeting, with the final budget to be adopted at the December meeting.

Motion by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Gravois, to approve the financial report as presented. Motion passed.

Board Members: Mr. Hebert gave praise for the marsh firefighting efforts in the past month.



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Motion by Mr. Page, seconded by Mr. Rhodes to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Motion passed.
The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, November 13, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.

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Travis Gravois, Secretary

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

Angela Hidalgo, Accountant