



# BAYOU CANE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

### **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**March 13, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners of Bayou Cane Fire Protection District of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, met on Monday, March 13, 2023, 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, Suzanne Carlos, Hayward Sims, Travis Gravois, Ed Lawson and Jacob Rhodes. The following Commissioners were absent: Nicholas Hebert. Others in attendance were Chief Himel, Sonja Labat, Angela Hidalgo, Mike Palmer, Greg Boudreaux, Helen Boudreaux, Toby Henry, Chief Boudreaux, Patti Floyd, Kay Hebert, Adam Schmidt, John Poiencot, Brent Tinkes, Blake Nash, Lance Babin, Dylan Thibodeaux, Troy Lewis, Sean Torgrimson, Ross Endsley and Constintine Kamarullah, Brandon Pitre, Daniel Blanchard, Matthew Hebert, Garrett Edwards, Layne Becnel, Amber Vizier, Eric Guelchner, Nicholas LeBlanc and Ethan Adams

It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Jacob Rhodes to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 2023. Motion passed.

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

Chief Himel discussed EMS billing. It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Jacob Rhodes to hire Insight for the EMS billing. Motion passed.

Chief Himel discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement with Terrebonne Communications District (E911) for Emergency Medical Dispatching. The contract was approved by legal. The contract totals \$79,793 which includes \$44,000 for dispatch and maintenance fees and \$35,793 for a one time software update. It was motioned by Ed Lawson, seconded by Travis Gravois to authorize the Chairman to execute the contract. Motion passed.

Chief Himel discussed the Fire Chief's report. There were four new permit requests and three major communication renovations. The old Twin Peaks building will be torn down and Aldi will be built soon. There were nine smoke alarms installed. There were 165 calls in February and 348 year to date calls. The first ambulance is currently in Harvey. Tower 1 and Truck 22 are back in service. The staff is gathering information for a new truck and is estimated to cost \$750,000. The FEMA repairs on the classroom are almost complete. The maintenance building and Station 4 are in permitting and will be repaired next. The staff is still waiting to hear the status of the radio grant. The Safer Grant which will fund nine employees will be submitted soon. Applications will be taken on April 6<sup>th</sup> for the Firehouse grant. The staff is looking into fire prevention and safety grant opportunities.



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The staff had a slide show of photos of Greg Boudreaux as he is retiring. Chief Himel gave a presentation of Greg's tenure with the fire department. Greg will be filling a part-time fire hydrant maintenance position with the district. He was presented with a plaque for his years of service from 1985-2023. Greg advised the board that it was a pleasure to serve the district and the board thanked him for his service.

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

Hayward Sims and Jacob Rhodes congratulated Greg Boudreaux on his retirement. Robert Page advised the board of a donation from St. Bernadette School in the amount of \$655.00.

A motion was offered by Ed Lawson, seconded by Travis Gravois to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m. Motion passed. The next regular scheduled meeting is April 10, 2023 at 11:30 am.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Gravois".

Travis Gravois, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sonja Labat".

Sonja Labat, Accountant