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MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING August 14, 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, August 14, 2023, at 11:30 AM.

Nick Hebert called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Upon roll call by Angela Hidalgo, the following Commissioners were present: Suzanne Carlos, Travis Gravois, Nick Hebert, Robert Page, and Jacob Rhodes. Ed Lawson and Hayward Sims were recorded as absent. Others in attendance were Ken Himel, Kenny Hill, Kay Hebert, Greg Boudreaux, Toby Henry, Tim Guidry, Adam Schmitt, John Poiencot, Louis Eschete, Brent Tinkes, Gary Gros, A'aron Wolfe, Chris Aucoin, Mike Montamat, Mike Palmer, Brian Boudreaux, Angela Hidalgo, Sonja Labat and Dana Schwab.

Motion by Mr. Gravois, seconded by Mr. Rhodes to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023, meeting. Motion passed.

Under Public Comments, none.

Old Business, none.

New Business: Chief Himel discussed the bids for repairs to the central station. Three contractors attended the pre bid conference, and two submitted bids. The engineer, Milford & Assoc., recommended award to Sage Construction in the amount of \$411,376.65 including the alternate for the stall engine bay. A motion was made by Mrs. Carlos, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, to approve the contract for central station repairs. Motion carried.

Chief Himel discussed the purchase of a fire engine from Siddons Martin in amount of \$885,495.00, which includes the HGAC service fee. A motion was made by Mr. page, second by Mr. Gravois, to proceed with the purchase of a fire truck as discussed. Motion passed.

Chief Himel discussed the possibility of purchasing a burn building on State Contract using funding from the State. A motion was made by Mr. Page, seconded by Mr. Gravios, to authorize pending the State CEA approval and receipt of funds. Motion carried.

Staff Reports, Chief Himel reported there were 3 new construction and 3 renovations for the prior month, 169 calls for the month, and 1,213 calls year-to-date. Chief Hill discussed EMS financials. Chief Henry discussed the EMS division. He reported all permits have been obtained with the exception of the DEA permit. Emergency dispatching through 911 started training with pre arrival instructions, use of the software, etc. By September 1, everyone should be in place for EMS staffing. Three employees will graduate EMS school in September. The second ambulatory unit will be inspected on September 8 and be done by the end of the month.

Chief Himel reported on the AFG grant to pay for training. He also thanked the board for the authorization to purchase the truck and burn building.

Motion by Mr. Page, seconded by Mrs. Carlos, to approve the financial report as presented. Motion passed.

John Poiencot addressed the board regarding the upcoming Hero Festival scheduled for September 22-24.

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



Travis Gravois, Secretary



Angela Hidalgo, Accountant