



FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 13
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Meeting Minutes

The St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13 Board of Commissioners met in regular session at **7:00 PM** on **January 18, 2023**, at the St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 13 fire station located at 13053 Hwy 190 Covington, LA 70433.

7:01 PM the meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Devillier

Roll call: Absent: George Osbourn, Present: Norman Voelkel, Jorge Fernandez, Mark Cortez and Tony Devillier.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Awards and Recognition: FF (1 yr.) Jarod Cahill now a confirmed Firefighter received his leather helmet shield.

Minutes Review: Review and consideration of approval of the December 21, 2022, board meeting minutes, Mr. Devillier made a motion to approve minutes, with typo corrected, seconded by Mr. Voelkel, no further discussion, all in favor. (See attached).

Financial Report: Mr. Voelkel reviewed the credit card report before the meeting and reported all in order. Clint Ory discussed and reviewed the through December 31, 2022, financial report and performance report with the Board. Mr. Voelkel inquired about the "all other expenses" total and percentage. Upon review that number was incorrect, all other figures were accurate including total expenditures, etc. Mr. Devillier made a motion to adopt the financial reports, and credit card reports, seconded by Mr. Voelkel, no further comments or discussion, all in favor (see attached).

Old Business

1. Discussed the progress of Station 134. There are a few big problems that need to be addressed. The biggest at this time is a wetland determination must be conducted and per discussions with Mr. Voelkel and Mr. Brown, who would conduct the Wetlands study through the Corp of Engineers, that it could take a year. Chief Johnson stated that Joel Champagne will give additional land to mitigate any drainage, retention, or detention required. He also believes that the wetlands mitigation will get fast tracked due to other state projects impacted by it. Waiting to get more details, no further action taken. The Board asked that a few things be considered. 1. Look for existing buildings that could be converted to a fire station that are located in the service area needed. 2. Consider paying off the existing loans, look at terms, payments, etc. Assignments were made to collect information for options.

New Business

1. Additional comments from PMI. None
2. Civil Service report – The request for the FEO and Captain tests were approved.
3. Maintenance – new chief vehicle is ordered.
4. Training Report: TSO Michael Getscher reviewed the provided a written training report, see attached. He also mentioned the annual training report that was also attached. Working on improving record keeping specific to PIAL rating.
5. Fire Prevention: No updates.
6. Fire Chief's Report: Reported 114 responses for December 2022. Reported a total of 1109 responses for 2022. Karl Stahl asked about the millage election. Chief Johnson stated it is set for March 25th, 2023.
7. **Motion to adjourn** by Mr. Devillier and seconded by Mr. Fernandez, all in favor, Adjourned at 7:33 p.m.