



**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 13**  
**ST. TAMMANY PARISH**  
**P.O. Box 2109**

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Chairman

*Mark Cortez*  
Commissioner

*Tony Devillier*  
Vice-Chairman

*Clint Ory*  
Secretary

*Lonnie Johnson*  
Fire Chief

**COVINGTON, LA 70434**

*Jorge Fernandez*  
Commissioner

*Norman Voelkel*  
Treasurer

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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 **February 15, 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 Chairman Osbourn

Roll call: Absent: None, Present: George Osbourn, Norman Voelkel, Jorge Fernandez, Mark Cortez and Tony Devillier.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

**Awards and Recognition:** Firefighters recognized for (1 yr.) confirmation and are now a confirmed Firefighter. The following received their leather helmet shield: Firefighters Buisson, Lawrence and Freeman. Chief Johnson also recognized A Shift for a Fire they handled on Tantella Ranch, B-Shift for their quick work in stopping damage from an activated sprinkler head and C-Shift for a very fast dispatch of call to extinguishment on a house fire in Tuscany West.

**Minutes Review:** Review and consideration of approval of the January 18, 2023, board meeting minutes, Mr. Devillier made a motion to approve minutes, with typo corrected, seconded by Mr. Cortez, 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 January 31, 2023, financial report and performance report with the Board. 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 status of Station 134. There was discussion regarding a possible lot 24B in NothPoint Business Park. The lot is 1.2 acres, preliminary site plan shows the station as designed would fit. There are questions regarding fill, sewer lines, possible fire hydrant relocation, and deeds and restrictions on pavement, noise and building finishes that need to be addressed. The simulated GIS response coverage was good, it increases coverage over the Champagne site. Mr. Devillier made a motion to authorize the Fire Chief to negotiate and if questions are answered regarding the site purchase the lot. Second by Mr. Voelkel, the board is amicable to the price based on appraisal as required by law. No further discussion, all were in favor motion passed.

**New Business**

1. 2023-001: BOC Resolution (Adopt the LLA 2023 Per diem & Milage Reimbursement Rates) motion was made by Mr. Voelkel, second by Mr. Devillier, no further discussion, all in favor, motion passed.
2. 2023-002: BOC Resolution (Adopt Official Journal) motion was made by Mr. Devillier, second by Mr. Voelkel, no further discussion, all in favor, motion passed.
3. 2023-003: BOC Resolution (2022 General Fund Surplus Determination) motion was made by Mr. Devillier, second by Mr. Voelkel, no further discussion, all in favor, motion passed.
4. 2023-004: BOC Resolution (Approve Transfer of Surplus to Restricted Funds) motion was made by Mr. Devillier, second by Mr. Voelkel, no further discussion, all in favor, motion passed.
5. Additional comments from PMI. None
6. Civil Service report – The request for the FEO and Captain tests will be given tomorrow (Feb 16<sup>th</sup>) Lane Dewitt was recognized as a Jr Vol, to Vol recruit at LSU to FF, FEO and now will be Captain if he passes the civil service test. Home grown Captain.
7. Maintenance – Discussed the need to move on from Tanker remount, and go out for bid on E-133



remount in its place. Mr. Devillier made a motion to authorize Chief Johnson and Rodney Waltrip to work on doing that, including terminating the contract with Deep South and preparing a new bid. Second by Mr. Cortez, no additional discussion all were in favor. Motion passed.

8. 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. Chief of training and safety emeritus, Bob Hecker thanked the board and district for the opportunity to serve and outlined some of the things accomplished in his time with the district.
9. Fire Prevention: Provided a written report.
10. Fire Chief's Report: Reported 93 responses for January 2023. It was noted that 77% of those calls came from Station 132, which is a reminder of why Station 134 is needed.
11. **Motion to adjourn** by Mr. Devillier and seconded by Mr. Fernandez, all in favor, Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.