



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 15, 2025**, at the St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 13 fire station located at 13053 Hwy 190 Covington, LA 70433.

7:00 PM the meeting was called to order by Chairman Tony DeVillier

Roll call: Absent: Vanessa Wall; Present: Tony DeVillier, Jeffery Stern, Jorge Fernandez, and Mark Cortez

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Awards and Recognition: None

Minutes Review: Review and consideration of approval of November 20, 2024, board meeting minutes, Mr. Stern made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Cortez, no further discussion, all in favor. (See attached).

Financial Report: Mr. Stern reviewed the credit card report before the meeting and reported all in order. Eryn Jones reviewed the through December 31, 2024, financial report, and performance report with the Board. Mr. Cortez made a motion to adopt the financial reports, and credit card reports, seconded by Mr. Stern, no further comments or discussion, all in favor (see attached).

Old Business

1. Discussed the status of Station 134. Chief Johnson advised that they are working on raising the height of the slab with more fill. Things are progressing and the contractor is putting all of the permits together to move forward.
2. Discussed the status of the Verizon tower. Verizon contacted the District and stated that the investors are changing and would like us to sign a new contract right away. However, Mr. Stern has not signed, and the Board has decided not to sign a new contract. There is no rush to sign a new contract with over 30 years remaining on our current lease.

New Business

1. 2025-001: BOC Resolution (Adopt the LLA 2025 Per diem & Milage Reimbursement Rates) Mr. Stern made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Cortez, all in favor
2. 2025-002: BOC Resolution (Adopt Official Journal) Mr. Stern made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Cortez, all in favor
3. 2025-003: BOC Resolution (Approve IGA Emergency Dispatch Services CAD Agreement) Mr. Cortez made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Stern, all in favor
4. 2025-004: BOC Resolution (Approve FSA Regional Training Usage Fee Letter with STFPD No. 4) Mr. Cortez made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Fernandez, all in favor
5. Additional comments from PMI: PMI is working with officials on possible adjustments and further defining of Act 554
6. Civil Service report – Fire Fighter, Fire Equipment Operator, and Captains tests were called for, waiting on scores
7. Training Report: TSO Michael Getscher advised that Zoll will be coming to the District to give a course on cardiac arrests. Decision makers will be attending the next course to decide if they will follow the Zoll guidelines. There will be classes held in 2025 by District #13 for Instructor II and Officer II. District #13 will be hosting an EMS symposium with quality speakers in April 2025. TSO Getscher also showed the Board a video of the controlled training burn done by District #13.
8. Fire Prevention: Not present
9. Maintenance – Rodney Waltrip not present due to hose and ladder testing. Chief Johnson advised that all is well and everything is in service.
10. Fire Chief's Report: Provided a call breakdown report, 116 calls and roughly 70% of the calls were medical.
11. Additional New Business:
 - Chief Johnson advised that he would like to move forward with purchasing the new air-packs for the last two trucks. This was approved by the Board.



- Chief Johnson advised that this is a PIAL rating year and DC Patrick Shubert put together a list of equipment that is needed, new hose nozzles. The purchase of the new equipment was approved by the Board.
 - Chief Johnson advised that a letter will be sent to Deep South regarding the remount of Tanker 134. Deep South has not been in contact with the District and the truck has been out of service for a year waiting on the remount. Chief Johnson advised that the District will do the remount ourselves at a lower cost. The Board agreed and would like to move forward with the in-house remount of Tanker 134. A chassis has already been found for the remount (Freightliner).
12. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Fernandez and second by Mr. Cortez, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m

Pending approval January 15, 2024