



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 **December 18, 2024**, 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 Tony DeVillier

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

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. Fernandez, 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 November 30, 2024, financial report, and performance report with the Board. Mr. Stern made a motion to adopt the financial reports, and credit card reports, seconded by Mr. Fernandez, no further comments or discussion, all in favor (see attached).

Old Business

1. Discussed the status of Station 134. Chief Johnson advised that the contract has been revised to reflect the Board's November approval. The public records are being updated and once that is completed the contractor can begin work.
2. Mr. Stern advised that he has reached out to Verizon after the Board's approval to move forward, however Verizon has not returned the calls regarding the new contract. Fire District #13 has received notice from Verizon that the current contract will continue as is and Verizon will revisit possible changes in April 2025.

New Business

1. 2024-025: BOC Resolution (Approve Financial Services Signature Authority) The agenda was amended to add this resolution, accepted by Chairman Tony DeVillier. Mr. Fernandez made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Stern, all in favor
2. 2024-026: BOC Resolution (Approve 2025 BOC Public Meeting Dates) The agenda was amended to add this resolution, accepted by Chairman Tony DeVillier. Mr. Fernandez made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Stern, all in favor
3. Additional comments from PMI: None
4. Civil Service report – Fire Fighter, Fire Equipment Operator, and Captains tests will be called for this month.
5. Training Report: TSO Michael Getscher advised that the burning of the house for training went really well. The Department was able to use the house for training for two months. The training numbers are still looking good and will continue to rise through December. TSO Getscher advised that when the training officers from each district get together once a month, there has been a lot of praise for District #13. 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.
6. Fire Prevention: Not present, written report provided on pre-plans
7. Maintenance – Rodney Waltrip not present, Chief Johnson advised that all is well and everything is in service.
8. Fire Chief's Report: Provided a call breakdown report, 87 road calls and majority of calls being medical.
9. Additional New Business: Chief Johnson advised that Act 554 is state mandated cancer screening. They have chosen St. Tammany for the cancer screening. It is offered to all employees and the District pays for it.
10. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Stern and second by Ms. Wall all in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m

Pending approval December 18, 2024