



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 **March 19, 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: 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 February 19, 2025, board meeting minutes, Mr. Stern made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Ms. Wall, 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 February 28, 2025, financial report, and performance report with the Board. Mr. Fernandez made a motion to adopt the financial reports, and credit card reports, seconded by Ms. Wall, no further comments or discussion, all in favor (see attached).

Old Business

1. Discussed the status of Station 134. Mr. Joe Schneider was present at the meeting to provide an update on the status. The board was advised that the permit was released yesterday, and the contractor is now in the process of getting the survey started. Many things, such as paint colors have already been chosen. A discussion was started around possibly adding a split ac system to the 8x9 server room. Robert Crawford will be taking a look at the possible system change. If the district does move forward with the split system, there will be a change order. The building has already been ordered; Mr. DeVillier asked how long until the building was delivered – around 90 days.
2. Discussed the status of the remount of Tanker 134. The Chief advised that the district received the pump last week; it had been ordered but slow to arrive. He advised that they are hoping to have the Tanker done in April.
3. Discussed the status of the Verizon tower. Mr. Stern received an email from Verizon offering the district \$132k and they would no longer pay rent. The board has no interest in pursuing this offer and has elected to continue with the current agreement.

New Business

1. Additional comments from PMI: None
2. Civil Service report – Tests have been scheduled for District Chief, Captain, and Fire Equipment Officer for 4/17/25
3. Training Report: TSO Michael Getscher advised that facility training and company training numbers have continued to rise since the district is training with Covington FD. Pump Operator class will be held in house this year. C. Gruber completed smoke diver and is now the 2nd one to do so in the department.
4. Fire Prevention: Chief advised that Jay Holcombe is doing inspections and working alongside the men as they are doing their pre-plans.
5. Maintenance – Rodney Waltrip advised that nothing is out of service. There have been small things that are being fixed. He also advised that the old chassis will be sold after the remount is complete.
6. Fire Chief's Report: Provided a call breakdown report, 71 calls. The Chief advised that they will be hiring 3 new firefighters (new positions); interviews should be held around the end of May. He also advised of an issue with the PMI software and annual time. The issue has been corrected.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Stern second by Ms. Wall, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m

Pending approval March 19, 2025