



FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 13
ST. TAMMANY PARISH
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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 **April 20, 2022**, 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 Osbourn

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Awards and Recognition: None

Minutes Review: Review and consideration of approval of the March 16th, 2022, board meeting minutes, Mr. Devillier made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Cortez, no further discussion, all in favor. (See attached).

Financial Report: Board Secretary Clint Ory discussed and reviewed the February Financial report, The budget is on track for revenue and overall expenditures. Reported on interest rates for all accounts. Mr. Cortez asked that the outstanding checks noted in the Performance report be investigated and cleared. The March credit card report was also submitted to the board and was found to be in order with no additional discussion. Mr. Cortez made a motion to adopt the financial reports, and credit card reports, second by Mr. Devillier. No further comments or discussion, all members in favor (see attached).

Old Business

1. Mr. Ory gave an update on options for possible additional funding to cover the construction of Station 134. In addition to a bond as previously discussed by the Board, another option is through a refinance/lease of the existing apparatus that would keep the current payment similar and extend the term by 5 years. This would provide about \$500,000 in additional cash. Still waiting on the results of the estimators for the proposed station.
2. Mark Waniewski reported on the latest with the land lease/donation agreement. He stated that the final agreement is being drafted by the Champagne's attorney and it will be reviewed and signed if all is in order.

New Business

1. 2022-005: BOC Resolution (Approve Surplus of Equipment - 1997 International Cab & Chassis) - Record Keeping
2. 2022-006: BOC Resolution (Approve RFP Tanker Pumper Body Re-mount and Refurbish) - Record Keeping
3. 2022-007: BOC Resolution (Approve FEMA Hurricane Ida Reimbursement Transfer to Restricted Funds) Motion made by Mr. Cortez and second by Mr. Devillier, no additional comments offered, all in favor, resolution passed.
4. 2022-008: BOC Resolution (Approve a contract to use Express Employment to hire a temp employee to train with/replace Eryn Jones who has submitted her two weeks' notice.) Motion made by Mr. Cortez and second by Mr. Devillier, no additional comments offered, all in favor, resolution passed.
5. Civil Service report. – Mr. James Fugler was reappointed to the Civil Service Board and will be sworn in.
6. Maintenance – Ladder 132 out of service waiting on parts
7. Training Report: Chief Hecker provided a written training report, see attached.
8. Fire Prevention: None
9. Fire Chief's Report: Reported 68 calls in March with one major accident fatality. Advised Deep South was the only bid for remount and was awarded the bid of \$165,000, JJ Merchant was High bid on the surplus chassis at \$10,792.92. Chief Johnson asked the board to spend up to \$45,000 to replace the 19 year old emergency generator at Station 133. It would be purchased on La. State contract. A motion was made by Mr. Devillier and a second by Mr. Cortez to authorize up to \$45,000 to purchase a replacement generator off state contract. No additional comments, all approved, motion passed.
10. **Motion to adjourn** by Mr. Cortez and seconded by Mr. Devillier, all in favor, Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.