



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

*George Osbourn*  
Chairman

*Mark Cortez*  
Commissioner

*Tony Devillier*  
Vice-Chairman

*Clint Ory*  
Secretary

*Lonnie Johnson*  
Fire Chief

**COVINGTON, LA 70434**

*Jorge Fernandez*  
Commissioner

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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 **October 19, 2022**, 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: Norman Voelkel, Mark Cortez, Present: George Osbourn, Jorge Fernandez, and Tony Devillier.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

**Awards and Recognition:** None

**Minutes Review:** Review and consideration of approval of the September 21, 2022, board meeting minutes, Mr. Devillier made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Fernandez, no further discussion, all in favor. (See attached).

**Financial Report:** Clint Ory discussed and reviewed the September 2022 financial report and performance report with the Board all within budget financially. Mr. Devillier 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. Chief Johnson advised that he spoke with Architect Joe Schneider regarding the status of the DOTD culvert permit and was asked about the height of 15' height at the rear awning, not an impact to truck access. Received the survey and Topographical and those CAD files were sent to Engineers.

**New Business**

1. 2022-016 BOC Resolution (Approve calling a Special Election for the renewal of the Districts Ad Valorem millage on March 25, 2023). A motion was made by Mr. Devillier and second by Mr. Fernandez, the resolution was read aloud, a question by Mr. Devillier regarding wording about "paying for water" explanation by Mark Waniewski and Clint Ory regarding the standard and all-encompassing wording used by attorneys, examples of "paying for water" such as testing and maintenance costs the fire district incurs as part of the fire rating, etc., no further discussion, roll call vote, all were in favor, resolution passed.
2. 2022-017 BOC Resolution (Approval of annual funding MOU for Goodbee Vol. Fire Dept). A motion to approve the annual funding MOU for the Goodbee Vol. Dept. was made by Mr. Devillier and second by Mr. Fernandez, no further discussion, all were in favor, resolution passed.
3. 2022-018 BOC Resolution (Approve 2022 Audit engagement with Ericksen, Krentel, & LaPorte CPA's) A motion to approve 2022 Audit engagement was made by Mr. Devillier, and second by Mr. Fernandez, Mark Waniewski provided additional explanation, regarding Ericksen, Krentel, & LaPorte providing a fixed price, substantially less than currently paid, does audits for several other Fire Districts so has specific experience to pension requirements, etc. no further discussion, all were in favor, resolution passed.
4. 2022-019 BOC Resolution (Approve Advertisement for 2023 proposed Operating and Capital budget) At the reading of the resolution Mr. Waniewski explained this is the board authorizing the advertisement and posting of the Budget for review and setting a date for a public hearing for public comment. Motion made by Mr. Devillier and second by Mr. Fernandez, no further discussion, or comments, all were in favor, resolution passed.
5. The 2023 Operating and Capital Budget was presented by Mark Waniewski, he highlighted the following: a base scale pay adjustment from starting \$9.75 per hour to \$10.00, adding a full-time Training Officer, replacing one Chief vehicle and the including of Station 134 estimated at \$2,000,000 (Reserve account transfer). Board had no additional questions, none from the attendees. No further action taken.



6. Additional comments from PMI. Mr. Waniewski discussed the onetime payment of \$1200 for firefighters that was passed in the 2022 Legislative session.
7. Civil Service report – There is a test called for Fire Captain and Fire Equipment Operator in November.
8. Maintenance – E-132 had a few minor repairs completed. Working on having the SCBA bottles hydrostatically tested.
9. Training Report: Chief Hecker provided a written training report, see attached. Stated that FD13 had two drills completed in September, 1 specific to water supply in a area cut-off by a bridge and a mayday drill at FD4 Training with FD2, 12 and FD8.
10. Fire Prevention: No updates.
11. Fire Chief's Report: Reported 108 responses for September 2022. Generator for Station 133 was service tested and certified and is now in service. Bids came in low on surplus generator. Will try bidding it on eBay. Chief reported is attending the LFCA convention in Baton Rouge. Two personnel at Hot Zone Hazmat conference in Texas. Chief commended crews for two very good stops on structure fires this month.
12. **Motion to adjourn** by Mr. Devillier and seconded by Mr. Fernandez, all in favor, Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.