

MINUTES OF T. P. RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

November 22, 2021

The Commissioners of T. P. Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 met in regular session on Monday, November 22, 2021, immediately following the meeting of the Tangipahoa Parish Council at the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A. Burgess Governmental Building at 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana and was called to order by Louis Joseph, President.

The following members were present:

Trent Forrest, John Ingraffia, Brigette Hyde, Louis Joseph, Carlo S. Bruno, Buddy Ridgel, Lionell Wells, Joey Mayeaux, David Vial and Kim Coates

Absent: None

Public Input – Anyone Wishing to Address Any Agenda Item – No one from the public asked to address any agenda item.

Adoption of Minutes:

Regular meeting dated October 25, 2021-A motion was made by Mrs. Hyde and seconded by Mr. Vial to adopt the minutes regular meeting dated October 25, 2021. With no opposition, motion carried. Roll Call was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

Independence Fire Matters:

1. Ratification of Approval of Part-Time Position: A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to ratify a part time position at \$10 per hour. Roll call was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

2. Ratification of Approval of Pay Increase: A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Hyde to ratify a pay increase at \$10 per hour. Roll call was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

Natalbany Fire Matters:

3. Ratification of Approval of Fire Chief Position: A motion was made by Mr. Ridgel and seconded by Mr. Bruno to ratify the Fire Chief Position. Roll call was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

8th Ward Fire Matters:

4. Ratification of Approval of a Full Time Position: A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Mayeaux to ratify the full time position at \$10.20 per hour.

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

***Amended Agenda to Add Hammond Fire Matters**

A motion was made by Mr. Mayeaux and seconded by Mrs. Coates to amend the agenda to add Hammond Fire matters. Roll call was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

***Hammond Fire Matters:**

Update 2022 Fire Board Contract between the City of Hammond and Rural Fire Protection District No. 2. A motion was made by Mr. Mayeaux and seconded by Mrs. Coates to renew contract. Roll call was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

***Amended Agenda to Add Loranger Fire Matters**

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Forrest to amend the agenda to add Loranger Fire matters. Roll call was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

***Loranger Fire Matters:**

Ratification of Approval of a Part-Time position at \$10 per hour; and
Ratification of Approval of a Full-Time position at \$10 per hour. A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Forrest to ratify both positions. Roll call was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

Administrator's Report:

- ADOPTION of TPRFPD Resolution No. 21-02 - a Resolution granting approval to Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District"), to call and hold an election on Saturday, March 26, 2022, to authorize the renewal of the levy and collection of a ten (10) mill ad valorem tax on assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033, for the purpose of improving, maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities, for purchasing fire trucks and other fire-fighting equipment, paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith. A motion was made by Mrs. Coates and seconded by Mr. Vial to adopt TPRFPD Resolution No. 21-02. Roll call was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

- Adoption of Amended Budget for year ending December 31, 2021. A motion to adopt the amended budget was made by Mrs. Hyde and seconded by Mr. Vial. Roll call was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

7. Adoption of TPRFPD Resolution No. 21-03-Operating budget for the year ending December 31, 2022. A a motion was made by Mr. Vial to adopt the resolution and seconded by Mr. Mayeaux. Roll call was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

8. Approval of bids for fiscal agent for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024. A motion was made by Mr. Vial to approve the bids and seconded by Mr. Ingraffia. Roll call was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Vial to accept the administrator's report. Roll Call was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

Other Fire Matters:

9. Discussion of Legal Counsel Retainer. Retainer fee was discussed by the Board and no action was taken.
10. Updated Policies and Procedures: Mr. Dennis James reviewed the updated procedures regarding IT and Sexual Harassment. A motion was made by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mrs. Hyde to update the procedures. Roll call was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

ADJOURN:

With no other business appearing, on motion by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Vial, the Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire District No. 2 adjourned.

ATTEST:

S/Nelda Frere, Secretary
T. P. Rural Fire District No. 2

S/Louis Joseph, President
T. P. Rural Fire District No. 2