

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

**November 8, 2021**

The Commissioners of T. P. Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 met in Special Session on Monday, November 8, 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, Brigitte Hyde, Louis Joseph, Carlo S. Bruno, Buddy Ridgel, Lionell Wells, David Vial and Joey Mayeaux

Absent: Kim Coates

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

### **AMENDED AGENDA:**

1. Counsel voted to amend the agenda to approve hire of legal counsel. A motion was made by Mrs. Hyde and seconded by Mr. Vial to amend the agenda.

Yeas: 8

Nays: None

Absent: 1

Not Voting: 1 (Mr. Bruno was outside the room)

### **APPROVAL TO HIRE LEGAL COUNSEL**

2. Approval to hire Legal Counsel (Brad Cascio) for T. P. Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 Fire Board. After discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Hyde and seconded by Mr. Mayeaux to hire Mr. Brad Cascio as legal counsel to represent the Fire Board for monthly meetings and general matters.

Yeas: 9

Nays: None

Absent: 1

Not Voting: None

### **EIGHTH WARD FIRE MATTERS:**

1. Executive Session

After discussing matters regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Fire Department, the board made a motion to take the following action:

- a. The board will accept Chief Ira Brown's resignation effective immediately;
- b. There will be a 48 hour transition period which will take place until 11-10-2021 at 7 p.m.;
- c. Based on alleged misconduct and an ongoing investigation, there will be no further involvement on the part of Mr. Ira Brown with the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Fire District including as a member of the board.

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Coates)

Nays: None

Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)

Not Voting: None

### **ADJOURN:**

With no other business appearing, on motion by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Mayeaux, 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  
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