

**MINUTES OF T.P. RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**  
**AUGUST 26, 2024**

The Commissioners of T.P. Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 met in REGULAR SESSION on Monday, August 26, 2024, at the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Steet, Amite, LA following the regular meeting of the Tangipahoa Parish Council and was called to order by Brigitte Hyde, President.

The following members were PRESENT: Darrell Sinagra, John Ingraffia, Louis Joseph, Joseph Havis, Buddy Ridgel, Lionell Wells, Brigitte Hyde, Strader Cieutat ABSENT: Joey Mayeaux, David Vial

**PUBLIC INPUT**– No one from the public asked to speak

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** Motion by Mr. Havis, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated July 22, 2024. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Vial

**HAMMOND FIRE MATTERS**

1. Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Havis to ratify (2) Part time Firefighter positions at \$11.00/hour. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Vial

**PONCHATOU LA FIRE MATTERS**

2. Motion by Mrs. Cieutat, seconded by Mr. Wells to ratify Firefighter position from Full time to Part time. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Vial
3. Motion by Mrs. Cieutat, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to ratify the surplus of Taylor Power Systems Generator serial #MX177091. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Vial

**INDEPENDENCE FIRE MATTERS**

4. Motion by Havis, seconded by Mr. Joseph to ratify Full time Firefighter position at \$9.88/hour. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Vial

**MANCHAC FIRE MATTERS**

5. Motion by Mrs. Cieutat, seconded by Mr. Wells to ratify Captain position pay from monthly to hourly at \$12.00/hour. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Vial
6. Motion by Mrs. Cieutat, seconded by Mr. Sinagra to ratify the transfer of Bauer Compressor, serial #194792 to Wilmer Fire. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Vial

**HUSSER FIRE MATTERS**

7. Motion by Mr. Ingraffia, seconded by Mr. Sinagra to adopt TPRFP No. 2 Resolution 24-09 - A Resolution to surplus and dispose of assets located at the Husser Volunteer Fire Department. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Vial
8. Motion by Mr. Havis, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to ratify 3% cost of living pay raises. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Vial

**NATALBANY FIRE MATTERS**

9. Motion by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Wells to ratify pay increase for Firefighter I Certification to \$10.40/hour. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Vial
10. Motion by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mrs. Cieutat to ratify Full time Firefighter position at \$10.04/hour. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Vial
11. Motion by Mr. Havis, seconded by Mr. Ridgel to ratify the surplus of 2010 Ferrara Fire Apparatus VIN# 44KFT4284AWZ21867 (tag #4070). Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Vial

**EIGHTH WARD FIRE MATTERS**

12. Motion by Mrs. Cieutat, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to ratify Full time Firefighter position at \$11.00/hour. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Vial

13. Motion by Mr. Havis, seconded by Mr. Joseph to ratify the surplus of 2005 Ford Rescue (-4303) and 2006 Ford Rescue (-9017). Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Vial

**MONTHLY REPORTS AND REGISTERS**

14. Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Havis to approve the monthly budget and check register reports. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Vial

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

15. Motion by Mr. Havis, seconded by Mr. Joseph to ratify the surplus of Canon Imagerunner 1643 Copier (asset #5060) s/n 35A02392. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Vial

Mr. Atkins made known Chief Byers gave him a reimbursement check from Hurricane Ide in the amount of \$ 234,798.09.

**OTHER FIRE MATTERS**

16. Discussion and possible action to hire additional Legal Counsel. Discussion ensued about bringing in an attorney that specializes in Human Resource to answer specific questions in regard to firefighters being employees or not employees. Motion by Mr. Havis, seconded by Mr. Sinagra to approve to hire additional Legal Counsel. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Vial

**ADJOURN**

With no further discussion, Motion by Mr. Ridgel to adjourn the meeting. No opposition.

S/Jill DeSouge, Secretary  
T.P. Rural Fire Protection District No. 2

S/Brigitte Hyde, President  
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