

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

February 22, 2021

The Commissioners of T. P. Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 met in regular session on Monday, February 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, Louis Joseph, Carlo S. Bruno, Buddy Ridgel, Joey Mayeaux, Lionell Wells, David Vial, Brigette Hyde, 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**- A motion was made by Mr. Mayeaux and seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated January 25, 2021. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Coates)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

### **HUSSER FIRE MATTERS**

1. Ratification of approval of a full-time position- A motion was made by Mr. Ingraffia and seconded by Mr. Forrest to ratify the approval of one full-time position at \$10/hour. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Coates)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

### **WILMER FIRE MATTERS**

2. Ratification of approval of a full-time position- A motion was made by Mr. Forrest and seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to ratify the approval of one full time position at \$11/hour. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Coates)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

### **KENTWOOD FIRE MATTERS**

3. Approval of purchase of truck off of state contract- A motion was made by Mr. Forrest and seconded by Mr. Vial to approve the purchase of a Pierce rescue truck from Siddons-Martin off of state contract at a purchase price of \$350,760.12 to be paid in full up front. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Coates)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

### **EIGHTH WARD FIRE MATTERS**

4. Approval to purchase extrication/rescue equipment- A motion was made by Mr. Ingraffia and seconded by Mrs. Hyde to approve the purchase of extrication equipment from Municipal Emergency Services (MES-Texas) at a purchase price of \$37,041.87 total. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Coates)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

### **MONTHLY REPORTS AND REGISTERS**- Presented

### **ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

5. Approval of a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Town of Independence for the acceptance of the donation of a 1986 Pierce pumper truck for the Loranger Fire Department- A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Vial to approve a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Town of Independence. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Coates)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

6. Discussion and action regarding Walmart "PILOT" fund distribution (Eighth Ward Fire Department)- A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mrs. Hyde to have the funds from the Wal Mart PILOT program deposited in the TPRFPD No. 2 account to be earmarked for the Eighth Ward Fire Department. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Coates)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

**OTHER FIRE MATTERS**- Mr. Bruno implored all departments to apply for grant funding, stating that grant money is "being left on the table". He would like to see more equipment for the vehicles purchased with grant funding in order for those funds that would have been used to potentially be used for manpower.

Chief Ira Brown announced that he has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from Firehouse Subs for a Lucas device.

**ADJOURN**

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

ATTEST:

S/Kristen Pecararo, Secretary  
T. P. Rural Fire District No. 2

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