

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

October 25, 2021

The Commissioners of T. P. Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 met in regular session on Monday, October 25, 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, David Vial and Kim Coates

Absent: Joey Mayeaux

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

Adoption of Minutes:

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)

Not Voting: None

Hammond Fire Matters:

2. Ratification of Approval of Part-Time Positions: A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mrs. Hyde to ratify the 5 part time positions at \$10 per hour. Roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)

Not Voting: None

Ponchatoula Fire Matters:

3. Approval to Transfer Assets to Husser Fire Department: Brush Truck VIN #1FDWF36F3XEB77236 Parish tag 3680 (Inside Door) & tag 3665 (pump) \$2,500.00. A motion was made by Mr. Ingraffia and seconded by Mrs. Hyde to transfer the asset. Roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)

Not Voting: None

Independence Fire Matters:

4. Ratification of Approval of a Part-time position: A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Wells to ratify the part time position at \$9 per hour. Roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)

Not Voting: None

Husser Fire Matters:

5. Approval to Purchase a Tanker Truck under State Contract: A motion was made by Mr. Ingraffia and seconded by Mr. Vial to approve the purchase of the tanker truck in the amount of \$332,019.61. Roll call was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

Natalbany Fire Matters:

6. Ratification of Approval of a Part-time Position: A motion was made by Mr. Ridgel and seconded by Mr. Vial to ratify the part-time position at \$9 per hour. Roll call was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

7. Ratification of Approval of Full Time Positions: A motion was made by Mr. Ridgel and seconded by Mr. Bruno to ratify two full-time positions at \$10 per hour. Roll call was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

Monthly Reports and Registers:

8. Review and approval of budget report for the month of September, 2021: Presented
9. Review and approval of check registers for the month of September, 2021: Presented

Administrator's Report: (Items 10 & 11 were discussed and voted on together)

10. Introduction of proposed amended budget for the year ending December 31, 2021 by Fire Administrator Dennis Crocker. Detailed review of the proposed amended budget for 2021 introduced by Dennis James.

11. Introduction of proposed amended budget for the year ending December 31, 2021 by Fire Administrator Dennis Crocker. Detailed review of the proposed resolutions for amended budget for 2021 and 2022 introduced by Dennis James. A motion to introduce the proposed amended budget and resolutions was made by Mrs. Hyde and seconded by Mr. Bruno. Roll call was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

12. Approval to advertise for bids for fiscal agent for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024: Mr. Bruno asked if agents could renew bids. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bruno to advertise for bids and seconded by Mr. Forrest. Roll call was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

13. Approval to hire Administrative Assistant: A motion was made by Mr. Vial to hire a part-time administrative assistant and seconded by Mrs. Hyde. Roll call was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Coates)
Nays: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

14. Discussion of Defensive Driving: After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Wells that defensive driving classes will be mandatory and must be completed by all departments by January 31, 2022.

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

Nays: None

Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)

Not Voting: None

Other Fire Matters:

15. Mr. Crocker read the notice regarding the ad valorem tax:

**INTRODUCTION FOR NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 42:19.1
NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ACTION REGARDING AD VALOREM TAX**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana will meet on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., at the Tangipahoa Parish Courthouse Annex, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, at which time there will be consideration of action regarding calling an election for the renewal of the levy and collection of an existing ad valorem tax dedicated to 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

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
T. P. Rural Fire District No. 2