

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

September 27, 2021

The Commissioners of T. P. Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 met in regular session on Monday, September 27, 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, Joey Mayeaux, Lionell Wells, David Vial and Kim Coates

**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 August 23, 2021 - A motion was made by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Bruno to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated August 23, 2021. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

### **MANCHAC FIRE MATTERS**

1. Approval to accept quote in the amount of \$8,939.00 from Jani-King Cleaning for emergency clean up of Manchac Fire Department due to major damage caused by Hurricane Ida. Fire Administrator Dennis Crocker and Chief Coxen are satisfied with services provided by Jani-King. Motion was made by Ms. Coates and seconded by Ms. Hyde to accept quote. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

### **HUSSER FIRE MATTERS**

2. Ratification of approval of full-time position. Motion was made by Mr. Forrest and seconded by Mr. Mayeaux to ratify the approval of one full time position at \$10.00/hr. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

### **LORANGER FIRE MATTERS**

3. Update on Loranger Fire Station on East Cooper Road. Station was demolished by downed trees during Hurricane Ida. Approval to accept quote in the amount of \$7500.00 for emergency cleanup from Grasshoppers to remove trees from Station. Motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Ms. Coates. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

**MONTHLY REPORTS AND REGISTERS**- Presented

### **ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

4. Fire Administrator Dennis Crocker provided updates on Stations that were damaged during

Hurricane Ida.

Manchac – Major Damage

Ponchatoula Hwy 22 East – Minor Damage

Ponchatoula Hwy 22 West – Roof Damage

Ponchatoula Main – Major Damage. Fire Administrator requested permission based on recommendation by Insurance Company, to rent a modular building with living quarters to house the Ponchatoula Main Fire Station. Motion was made by Ms. Coates and seconded by Ms. Hyde. Roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

Eighth Ward – No damage to either Station

Hammond Rural Station – No Damage

Natalbany – No Damage

Independence Red Hill – Moderate Damage

Two Station in Independence – No Damage

Loranger East Cooper – Total Loss

Hwy 40 Station – Moderate Damage

Fire House Road Station – Minor Damage

Dunson Main Station – Substantial Damage

Husser Station – Moderate Damage

Baileyville Station – Minor Damage

Uneedus Station – Major Damage

Wilmer – No Damage

Kentwood – No Damage

Discussion on delayed process of acquiring generators during Hurricane Ida and the possibility of purchasing backup generators. Ms. Coates recommended exploring grant opportunities to purchase generators. Mr. Bruno made a motion to give Fire Administrator Dennis Crocker authority to explore generators at Federal Properties and report back to Fire Board. Seconded by Ms. Hyde. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

Discussion of difficulty of acquiring fuel during Hurricane Ida. Fire Administrator Dennis Crocker requested explore obtaining a fuel Contract to have fuel trucks available to deliver to stations during an emergency event. Councilman Joseph asked Fire Administrator to explore options and present at next meeting.

Husser Fire Department was awarded a federal grant in the amount of \$312,000 to purchase a new tanker truck.

Motion to accept Administrators Report was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Mayeaux. Roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

--- Amend Agenda – Councilman Joseph requested to amend the agenda by unanimous vote to add an item with emphasis on hiring a new Administrative Assistant due to the resignation of previous Administrative Assistant. Motion was made by Councilwoman Hyde and seconded by Councilman Vial to amend the agenda. Roll Call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None  
Not Voting: None

--- Mr. Bruno made a motion and seconded by Mr. Vial to allow Fire Administrator Dennis Crocker to begin the process of hiring an Administrative Assistant. Roll call was as follows:  
Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Ingraffia, Hyde, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, and Coates)  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Not Voting: None

**OTHER FIRE MATTERS**- 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/Ronda Durbin, Acting Secretary  
T. P. Rural Fire District No. 2

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