

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

The Commissioners of T.P. Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 met in REGULAR SESSION on Monday, February 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, Joey Mayeaux, Lionell Wells, David Vial, Brigitte Hyde, Strader Cieutat ABSENT: Buddy Ridgel

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

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

1. Discussion and Action - Mr. Vial discussed the reason for placing the moratorium. Motion by Mr. Vial to place a 120-day Interim Moratorium on Capital purchases over \$10,000 until the Capital list is generated, prioritized and approved unless declared an emergency by the Chief and the Fire Administrator. If declared an emergency the item will be placed on the Fire Board agenda. Seconded by Mr. Joseph. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ridgel

PONCHATOULA FIRE MATTERS

2. Approval to Purchase – Motion by Mrs. Cieutat, seconded by Vial to approve to purchase a Generator in the amount of \$38,940.00 for Station #4 placed off the ground. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ridgel

Mr. Atkins asked to amend the agenda to add Ratification of 2 Part-Time Positions.

Motion by Mr. Vial, seconded by Mr. Joseph to amend the agenda. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ridgel

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

HUSSER FIRE MATTERS

3. Ratification of Positions– Motion by Mr. Ingraffia, seconded by Mr. Joseph to ratify approval of (1) Regular Full-Time Position at \$11.00/hour. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ridgel

WILMER FIRE MATTERS

Mr. Atkins asked to amend the agenda Item #4 to read Ratification of 2 Full-Time Positions and 2 Pay Raises

Motion by Mr. Sinagra, seconded by Mr. Mayeaux to amend the agenda. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ridgel

4. Ratification of Positions – Motion by Mr. Vial, seconded by Mr. Sinagra to ratify approval of (2) Regular Full-Time Positions at \$11.00/hour. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ridgel

Ratification of Pay Raises – Mrs. Hyde made it known clarification from Legal was needed and asked for a motion to table this item. Motion by Mr. Vial, seconded by Mr. Joseph to TABLE the ratification of (2) Pay raises for the Chief and Assistant Chief. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ridgel

5. Ratification of Positions – Motion by Mr. Sinagra, seconded by Mr. Havis to ratify approval of (3) Regular Part-Time Positions at \$11.00/hour. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ridgel

KENTWOOD FIRE MATTERS

Mr. Atkins asked to amend the agenda Item #6 to read Ratification of 5 Pay Raises

Motion by Mr. Sinagra, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to amend the agenda. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ridgel

6. Ratification of Pay Raises – Motion by Mr. Sinagra, seconded by Mr. Joseph to ratify approval of (5) Pay Raises; Chief from \$11.08/hour to \$12.58/hour, Deputy Chief from \$16.20/hour to \$16.70/hour, Firefighter/Secretary from \$10.97/hour to \$14.00/hour, Firefighter from \$11.68/hour to \$12.18/hour, Firefighter from \$10.15/hour to \$10.65/hour. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ridgel

NATALBANY FIRE MATTERS

Items 7 and 8 were taken together.

- 7./8. Ratification of Position – Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Vial to ratify approval of (1) Regular Full-Time Position at \$11.60/hour and (1) Regular Part-Time Position at \$10.50/hour. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ridgel

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9. Approval to Surplus Equipment – Motion by Mr. Vial, seconded by Mr. Mayeaux to approve the surplus of Tag# 4727 Copier & Tag# 749 Thermal Camera (Administration) Dispose in Landfill, 2002 Ford 1FTRX17L62NB14812 (Kentwood Dept), Tag# 3529 Galaxy 22 Camper, Tag# 4159 1978 Mack DM685S38660 (Husser Dept) and 40KW Generator (Loranger) to sell online auction. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ridgel

OTHER FIRE MATTERS

10. ADOPTION of TPRFP District No. 2 Resolution 24-02 - A Resolution of support for the Central Tangipahoa LWIN Tower Project
WHEREAS, Tangipahoa Parish is committed to enhancing the ability and effectiveness of our first responders; and
WHEREAS, the ability to communicate is essential to enable our first responders to adequately protect the citizens of Tangipahoa Parish; and
WHEREAS, in 2018 Tangipahoa Parish Fire District No. 2 caused a study to be conducted which identified a 15-mile radius gap in communication; and
WHEREAS, further investigation revealed the proper location for an additional tower to fill this gap; and
WHEREAS, the additional proposed tower will cause lasting beneficial effects for all our first responders, schools, Homeland Security, and hospitals, not only in Tangipahoa Parish, but in the surrounding areas as well; and
WHEREAS, Tangipahoa Parish Emergency Management was able to secure \$570,000.00 which is allocated solely for this project, though it falls short of the total proposed costs; and
WHEREAS, Tangipahoa Parish has a successful history of working with our State Legislature to accomplish projects which benefit our community; and
WHEREAS, Tangipahoa Parish believes with the assistance of our State Legislature, evidenced by our proven track record of successful projects, we can work together to complete the Central Tangipahoa LWIN Tower Project for the better protection of our residents; therefore
BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of the Tangipahoa Parish Fire District No. 2 are in support of and respectfully request our State Legislature to assist Tangipahoa Parish in acquiring additional funding to fully complete the Central Tangipahoa LWIN Tower Project.
On motion by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Vial, the foregoing resolution was hereby declared adopted on this the 26th day of February 2024, by the following roll-call vote: YEAS: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel

ADJOURN

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

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

S/Brigette Hyde, President
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