

MINUTES OF T.P. RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2
JANUARY 22, 2024

The Commissioners of T.P. Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 met in REGULAR SESSION on Monday, January 22, 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 Louis Joseph, President.

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

1. 2024 Election of Officers - The President opened the floor for nominations to President. Mr. Ingraffia nominated Mrs. Hyde. Motion by Mr. Ridgel to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Vial. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat. By acclamation Mrs. Hyde is elected 2024 President. Mrs. Hyde took the seat as President and conducted the meeting.

The President opened the floor for nominations to the Vice-President. Mr. Vial nominated Mr. Ingraffia. Motion by Mr. Mayeaux to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Sinagra. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat. By acclamation Mr. Ingraffia is elected 2024 Vice-President.

The President opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Vial nominated Jill DeSouge, seconded by Mr. Mayeaux. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat. By acclamation Jill DeSouge is elected 2024 Secretary.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated December 11, 2023. Roll call votes as follows:

YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat

HAMMOND FIRE MATTERS

2. Approval to Purchase – Motion by Mr. Mayeaux, seconded by Mr. Vial to approve the purchase of a New Rescue Truck, Ford F-Series F-600, 2 doors, 2WD from Bonaventure off State Contract #4400017445 in the amount of \$296,246.00. Roll call votes as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat
3. Approval to Purchase – Mr. Atkins recommended purchasing from Bonaventure off State Contract a Fire Engine Truck available October 2024 for quoted price of \$478,000.00. Discussion ensued in regard to specific specs desired by the Chief. Motion by Mr. Mayeaux to purchase off State Contract contingent of being able to add on a 4” discharge on side and 2 ½” discharge on front bumper, seconded by Mr. Vial. Roll call votes as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat
4. Ratification of (2) Part-time positions – Motion by Mr. Mayeaux, seconded by Mr. Wells to ratify approval of (2) Part-time positions at \$11.00/hour each. Roll call votes as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat NOT VOTING: Mr. Vial

LORANGER FIRE MATTERS

5. Ratification of (1) Full-time position – Motion by Mr. Ingraffia, seconded by Mr. Joseph to ratify approval of (1) Full-time positions at \$10.00/hour each. Roll call votes as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat NOT VOTING: Mr. Vial
6. Ratification of (2) pay raises – Motion by Mr. Havis, seconded by Mr. Sinagra to ratify approval of (1) pay raise of \$11.00/hour and another pay raise of \$10.00/hour based on the additional certification obtained. Roll call votes as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat NOT VOTING: Mr. Vial

EIGHTH WARD FIRE MATTERS

7. Approval to Repair Engine -88 – Mr. Atkins recommended tabling due to not receiving the repair quote from the Chief. Motion by Mr. Vial, seconded by Mr. Joseph to table until quotes are received. Roll call votes as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Mr. Atkins congratulated Wilmar Fire Department for a 5 PIAL rating.

OTHER FIRE MATTERS

- 8. Annual Report of Compliance with Sexual Harassment Policy of 2023 – Dennis James, CPA discussed the requirement for annual audit. Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Vial to accept the Annual Report presented by the auditor. Roll call votes as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat
- 9. Renewal of Accounting Services Contract with James Lambert Riggs & Associates, Inc – Dennis James, CPA proposed the new contract with a price increase 5% increase for a monthly fee of \$5333.33. Motion by Vial, seconded by Mr. Joseph to approve the contract for the period January 2024 though December 2026 at \$5,333.33/month. Roll call votes as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat
- 10. Discussion and possible action Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 Fire Contract – Lengthy discussion of the timeframe and moving forward with the next step in the process ensued. Motion by Mr. Vial to adopt TPRFP No. 2 Resolution 24-01, seconded by Mr. Joseph as follows.

TANGIPAHOA PARISH RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2
RESOLUTION 24-01

WHEREAS, Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 is responsible for facilitating fire protection for Parish residents outside of the municipalities; and
 WHEREAS, areas outside of the municipalities rely on multiple volunteer fire departments for fire protection; and
 WHEREAS, Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 wishes to provide funding to ensure adequate fire protection for its residents; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire Protection District No. 2, approve and hereby authorized the TPRFP No. 2 Fire Administrator to execute documents on behalf of Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire Protection District No. 2, the contract effective January 1, 2025, between Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 and the District Fire Departments, as attached hereto.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become effective immediately upon signature of the Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 President and all previous resolutions in conflict with said resolution are hereby repealed.

On motion by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Joseph the foregoing Resolution was hereby declared adopted on this day 22nd day of January, 2024 by the following roll-call vote:

YEAS: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Vial, Hyde
 NAYS: Ridgel, Wells
 NOT VOTING: Cieutat

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
 T.P. Rural Fire Protection District No. 2