

MINUTES OF T.P. RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2
JANUARY 27, 2025

The Commissioners of T.P. Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 met on Monday, January 27, 2025, 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 Brigette Hyde, President.

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

1. 2025 Election of Officers – The president opened the floor for nominations of the 2025 President, Mr. Havis nominated Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Joseph, Motion by Mr. Vial to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Joseph. Roll call follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel By acclamation Brigette Hyde is the 2025 President

The President opened the floor for nominations of the 2025 Vice President, Mrs. Cieutat nominated Mr. Sinagra, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia, Motion by Mr. Vial to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Joseph. Roll call follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel By acclamation Darrell Sinagra is the 2025 Vice-President

The President opened the floor for nomination of the 2025 Secretary, Mr. Wells nominated Mrs. DeSouge, seconded by Mr. Havis, Motion by Mr. Vial to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Sinagra. Roll call follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel By acclamation Jill DeSouge is the 2025 Secretary.

PUBLIC INPUT No one from the public asked to speak

ADOPTION OF MINUTES Motion by Mr. Vial, seconded by Mr. Sinagra to adopt the minutes of special meeting dated December 9, 2024 and regular meeting dated December 23, 2024. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel

INDEPENDENCE FIRE MATTERS

2. Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to approve to surplus and sell on online auction 1994 E-One Pumper, VIN# 4ENRAAA86R1003118, Tag# F4441. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel

MANCHAC FIRE MATTERS

3. Discussion of old generator mounted on a trailer will be stored as a portable emergency backup. The quote is turnkey. Motion by Mrs. Cieutat, seconded by Mr. Vial, to approve the generator quote by Power Cross, LLC in the amount of \$92,400.00. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel

LORANGER FIRE MATTERS

4. Motion by Mr. Ingraffia, seconded by Mr. Havis to approve purchasing with ARPA money - Rescue Extrication Equipment & CPR Machine from quotes provided by Henry Schein for \$19,467.68, Bonaventure Co. in the amount of \$1050.00 and Premier Fire Equipment in the amount of \$34,150.00. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel

KENTWOOD FIRE MATTERS

5. Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Sinagra to approve to surplus and dispose of Lifepak AED Tag# 3553, s/n 41262435 (2013) and Air Bags Tag# 5026. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel

NATALBANY FIRE MATTERS

6. Motion by Mr. Vial, seconded by Mr. Mayeaux to approve to Seek Grant for Cascade System. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel
7. Motion by Mr. Havis, seconded by Mr. Vial to approve purchasing with ARPA money - Scott Air Packs from Premier Fire Equipment. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel

MONTHLY REPORTS AND REGISTERS

8. Motion by Mr. Vial, seconded by Mr. Havis to approve the monthly budget and check register reports. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

9. Motion by Motion by Mr. Vial, seconded by Mrs. Cieutat to accept the Annual Report of Compliance with Sexual Harassment Policy of 2024. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel

10. Motion by Mr. Vial, seconded by Mr. Joseph to adopt TPRFP No. 2 Resolution 25-01 - A Resolution to adopt the 2024 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel
11. President Hyde read the Proces Verbal of the canvass of the votes cast at the election held in Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana on Saturday, December 7, 2024 to authorize the levy and collection of a ten (10) mill tax, it was therefore shown that there was a total of 2,489 votes cast **IN FAVOR** of the Proposition and a total of 726 votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a **majority** of votes cast **IN FAVOR** therefore the proposition **passes**. No Action required by the Board
12. Motion by Mr. Mayeaux, seconded by Mr. Havis to adopt of TPRFP #2 Resolution 25-02 - A Resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to authorize the renewal of a ten (10) mills tax on assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the District, for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities, for maintaining, operating and purchasing fire trucks and other fire-fighting equipment and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service, and providing emergency services to the residents of the District; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel
13. Motion by Mr. Sinagra, seconded by Mr. Vial to adopt of TPRFP #2 Resolution 25-03 - A Resolution directing the renewal of the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax of ten (10) mills on assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation within the geographic boundaries of Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, authorized under the provisions of Article VI, Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, as amended, La. R.S. 40:1501 and other constitutional and statutory authority as applicable, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities, for maintaining, operating and purchasing fire trucks and other fire-fighting equipment and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service, and providing emergency services to the residents of the District; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel
14. Motion by Mr. Vial, seconded by Mr. Havis to approve the Amended TPRFP #2 Contract 2025-2029 removing "ratified" language and including attachments. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel
15. Motion by Mr. Mayeaux, seconded by Mr. Sinagra to approve the amended Policies and Procedures Manual. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel
16. Discussion and possible action on Administrator's leased truck and purchase of truck. Mr. Atkins made known the current leased F250 would have a service bed installed to serve as a service truck for 8th Ward until the lease expires and the district purchases it. Mr. Atkins would like to purchase a F-150 for himself from Gateway Ford in the amount of \$57,406.25 which is the lowest quote received. Motion by Mr. Vial, seconded by Mr. Joseph to approve the purchase of F-150. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat ABSENT: Ridgel
17. Mr. Atkins would like to seek bids to try to get the best price for all the departments. Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Vial to approve to Seek bids for Annual Fire truck pump testing, ladder testing, hose testing and general preventative maintenance. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat

COMMISSIONER'S PRIVILEGES

Representative Wheat spoke briefly notifying of upcoming session.

ADJOURN

With no other business for discussion. Motion by Mr. Vial to adjourn the meeting. No opposition.

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

S/Brigitte Hyde, President
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