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The Ward Two Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 14th, 2023 at 7:26 pm at the District Office. By Roll Call the following members were present: Charles Hopkins, Ricky Cash, Alton Fallin and George Gryder. Absent Bill Wheelis. Meeting called to order by Chairman Charles Hopkins, followed by invocation by Chief Manning. Chairman Hopkins called for public comments, there were none. Chairman Hopkins entertained a motion to proceed into New Business. Motion Ricky Cash, Second George Gryder, 4Yea 0 Nay, motion carried. Minutes were read of January 10th, 2023 monthly meeting. Mr. Hopkins entertained a motion to accept the minutes as presented with 0 Corrections/0 Approvals and move into Old Business. Motion Ricky Cash, Second George Gryder. 3 Yea 0 Nay Motion Carried.

In the order of Old Business: Chief Jim Manning delivered the January Fire Chiefs report for 0 EMS, 2 Fire, 3 MVA 1 trees 0 Other for total calls of 6. Fuel report for January fuel usage was 183 gallons. As of February 1, 375 gallons on hand. January Training had 9 Attendees. Board discussed Rescue 1 damage & PIAL. Purchasing agent reports for January 2023 were reviewed. Motion entertained by Chairman Hopkins to accept reports as presented, and proceed into New Business. Motion Ricky Cash. Second Alton George Gryder. 4 Yea 0 Nay Motion Carried.

In the order of New Business, Financial Report for m/e January 31, 2023 was presented. Presentation of Bills for January were discussed. Chairman Hopkins entertained a motion to accept Financial Report, Presentation of Bills as presented. Motion Ricky Cash, second George Gryder. 4 Yea 0 Nay Motion carried. Chairman Hopkins called for motion to create resolution to change signees on Veck fund. Assistant Chief Leonard, Board members Ricky Cash & George Gryder accepted the responsibility. Chairman Hopkins entertained a motion to move into executive session. Motion Ricky Cash Second George Gryder 4 Yea 0 Nay motion carried. Board of Commissioners went into executive session at 7:44 pm. Board members left executive session at 8:21pm. Chairman Hopkins entertained a motion to enter back into regular session. Motion Ricky Cash, Second Alton Fallin. 4 Yea 0 Nay motion carried. The Action List was reviewed. Chairman Hopkins called for Board Comments, there were none, Chairman Hopkins asked Chief Manning to stand as he presented a memorial plaque highlighting Chief Manning's 36+ years of Dedicated service and expressing sincere thanks. Chief Manning received memorial and recalled the state of discord and disorganization at the time he arrived and he is thankful the members were able to come together for the good of the community and worked to bring cohesion and community upgrades in service and interactions. Chairman Hopkins called for Staff comments, Many thanks and well wishes were expressed. Public comments by Police Jury representative expressed gratitude for positive changes and dedication despite adversity by Chief Manning and staff.

Chairman Hopkins entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion Ricky Cash, Second Charles Gryder 4Yea 0 Nay motion carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Charles Hopkins, Chairman