

Ward Four FPD Minutes, April 2021

A regular meeting of the Ward Four Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on April 26, 2021, at the fire district's Central Station, located at 261 Hwy 505, Jonesboro, LA . This meeting was called to order by Kent Hightower, fire district board president.

Fire district board members in attendance included Kent Hightower, Scotty Nunn, Billy Wayne Pullig, Marc Thomas, and Jimmy Tolar. Others in attendance included Scott Savage, Darrell Avery, and Heather Holland. There were no guests.

Marc Thomas presented the opening prayer.

Kent Hightower put forth an amendment to the agenda to include 1B. New Volunteer Application. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to approve the amendment. Jimmy Tolar seconded the motion. A roll call vote was performed with a vote of all yeas, no nays.

There were no public comments.

After reviewing the minutes of the March 2021 fire district board meeting, Marc Thomas offered a motion to accept them as presented. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The fire board next reviewed the April 2021 financials for payment. Scotty Nunn made a motion to accept the report as provided. Jimmy Tolar provided the second, and the motion carried.

The board then moved on to old business, the proposal from the Weston Water System. The Weston Water System was preparing a list of conditions for the cooperative endeavor and would be providing the district with that list as soon as possible. Chief Savage had been in contact with Mr. Poda concerning the use of his property, and Mr. Poda was willing to work with the fire district. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to table the discussion until next meeting. Scotty Nunn seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The board then reviewed the 2021 parcel fee collection. A total of 1424 parcel fees had been mailed for collection. As of April 26, 2021, 958 parcel fees had been collected.

Next, the board discussed the requirements and benefits to be offered to an upcoming candidate for fire chief. The board discussed aspects such as full time vs. part time, insurance, and retirement. The board hoped to have a written list of duties from the current chief and a list of benefits by the next board meeting.

The board expressed their appreciation for all the work Chief Savage had done to make the department what it is today. Kent Hightower made the board aware of his intentions to leave the fire district board of commissioners and wanted the board to consider a replacement for him. Scotty Nunn updated the board on the air tank installation at the outlying stations.

The board then reviewed the volunteer application from Mathew Smith. After some discussion, Scotty Nunn made a motion to accept Mathew Smith as a volunteer on a probationary period. Jimmy Tolar seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The assistant chief was not present.

Chief Savage reviewed a few items with the board members including the installation of the awning at Central Station.

Scotty Nunn made a motion to adjourn. Jimmy Tolar seconded the motion, and the motion carried.