

Ward Four FPD Minutes, July 2021

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

Fire district board members in attendance included Scotty Nunn, Billy Wayne Pullig, Marc Thomas, and Jimmy Tolar. Others in attendance included Scott Savage, Darrell Avery, Daniel Allen, and Heather Holland. Multiple volunteers were in attendance as well. There were no guests.

Marc Thomas presented the opening prayer.

There were no public comments.

After reviewing the minutes of the April, May, and June 2021 fire district board meetings, 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 May, June, and July 2021 financials for payment. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to accept the reports as provided. Marc Thomas provided the second, and the motion carried.

The board then moved on to old business, the proposal from the Weston Water System. Chief Savage had been in contact with Mr. Poda concerning the use of his property, and Mr. Poda agreed to give access. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to have Mr. Avery draw up legal documents pertaining to the cooperative endeavor agreement with the Weston Water System as well as an agreement for the use of the Poda property for access. Jimmy Tolar 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 July 26, 2021, 1243 parcel fees had been collected. Marc Thomas made a motion to move forward with sending certified letters to those owners whose parcel fee had not been collected. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Next, the board discussed the requirements and benefits to be offered to an upcoming candidate for fire chief. The board reviewed a written list of duties from the current chief. The board discussed aspects such as full time vs. part time, insurance, and retirement. Billy Wayne Pullig offered a motion to offer health insurance to any new employee in the

position of chief, assistant chief, or captain. Marc Thomas seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

An amendment was put forth by Mr. Nunn to include 4. Pay Rate for Chief, Assistant Chief, and Captain. Billy Wayne made a motion to include the amendment. Marc Thomas seconded the amendment, and the motion carried. A roll call vote was performed with all yeas and no nays. There were no public comments concerning the amendment.

The board discussed the rate of pay for the new positions that were open. After much discussion, Marc Thomas put forth a motion to pay as follows: Chief - \$1000/month, Assistant Chief - \$600/month, and Captain - \$300/month. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The position of chief would be open to all volunteers with interviews being done for those that apply.

The board then moved to new business, the first item being the adoption of the 2021 Tax Millage of 10.02 mills. The resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption, and the resolution was adopted by following votes of four yeas and no nays.

The board then reviewed the resignation letter of the board president. Marc Thomas made a motion to accept the resignation. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The board then reviewed the resignation letter of Chief Savage. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to accept the resignation of Chief Savage. Jimmy Tolar seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Next, the board moved to the consideration of prospective board members to fill the current vacancy. Butch Rushing and Frankie Harris were brought forth as replacements. After some discussion Billy Wayne Pullig made the motion to have Butch Rushing put forth to the Police Jury for approval. Jimmy Tolar seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Next were board member comments. Both Billy Wayne Pullig and Marc Thomas were pleased with the representation by the volunteers and hoped everything would go smoothly during the upcoming transitions.

The assistant chief thanked the board and volunteers. He appreciated Scott Savage for his time as chief and hoped the board would consider the volunteers as they moved forward with finding a new chief.

Chief Savage expressed his appreciation for the volunteers and his opportunity to serve the community.

Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to adjourn. Jimmy Tolar seconded the motion, and the motion carried.