

Ward Four FPD Minutes, September 2022

A regular meeting of the Ward Four Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on September 26, 2022, 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, Frankie Harris, Marc Thomas, and Glen Watkins. Others in attendance included Amanda Ledford, Josh Halbrook, Darrell Avery, and Heather Holland. Some volunteers were in attendance as well.

Scotty Nunn presented the opening prayer.

There were no public comments.

After reviewing the minutes of the August 2022 fire district board meetings, Marc Thomas offered a motion to accept them as presented. Glen Watkins seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The fire board next reviewed the September 2022 financials for payment. Glen Watkins made a motion to accept the reports as provided. Marc Thomas provided the second, and the motion carried.

The board then moved on to new business. Mr. Shuler was not present to update the board.

Next, the board discussed the Jr. Firefighter application that had been submitted by Darin Allen. After discussing the application and individual, Marc Thomas made a motion to accept Darin Allen on a probationary period. Frankie Harris seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The fire district had been awarded the Forestry grant that had been applied for in March. Chief Halbrook informed the board that all items had been ordered.

Next, Frankie Harris discussed with the board the possibility of removing the cap on the monetary amount the volunteers were allowed to earn in a year. He hoped by doing so that some volunteers would make more of an effort to be involved and respond to calls as turnout was down. The board discussed the issue at length; however, it was felt that it would not be possible at the moment. The board would keep it in mind and think more on it when the budget was reviewed.

Chief Halbrook then addressed the issue of needing an updated security system at Central Station. The sheriff's department had attempted to utilize the current system for more than one incident; however, the footage was not the best quality. Due to the central location of the department and proximity to the school, having a quality security system is very beneficial to the community. Mr. Thomas agreed to look into possibilities for upgrading the current system.

The board members expressed their appreciation for the chief and the volunteers.

The assistant chief's expressed their gratitude for the board as well as the volunteers.

The chief expressed his appreciation for all personnel as well as the board members.

Frankie Harris made a motion to adjourn. Glen Watkins seconded the motion, and the motion passed.