

Ward Four FPD Minutes, September 2020

A regular meeting of the Ward Four Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on September 28, 2020, 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, Jimmy Tolar, and Billy Wayne Pullig. Others in attendance included Scott Savage and Heather Holland. There were no guests.

Jimmy Tolar presented the opening prayer.

After reviewing the minutes of the August 2020 fire district board meeting, Scotty Nunn offered a motion to accept them as presented. Jimmy Tolar seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The fire board next reviewed the September 2020 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 board began by discussing the awning replacement on the front of central station. Only one bid was received by the board, and the board wanted to wait to receive more bids before deciding on the replacement.

The board then moved on to the discussion of replacing the tank on Tanker 6. No bids had been obtained; however, a discussion had been had with Rod Potts concerning a stainless steel tank that he currently had on a truck at his shop. After some discussion, Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to table the discussion until next month. Jimmy Tolar seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The board next discussed the hiring of an electrician to complete the wiring of six compressors and also the addition of a switch for outside lights at the boat house. Three electricians had been contacted, and two bids had been returned. The first bid was from Todd Lenard in the amount of \$4275. The second bid was from JM Electric in the amount of \$3700. After some discussion, Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to hire Todd Lenard to complete the work needed in the amount of \$4275. Scotty Nunn seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The board then moved on to new business. The first item up for discussion was forestry grant purchases. The fire district had been awarded a grant in the amount of \$5320.82. The fire chief wanted approval to purchase all the items that were requested on the grant with the exception of the generators. Scotty Nunn made a motion to approve the purchase of all the items requested excluding the generators. Jimmy Tolar seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Next, the board discussed the upcoming community fire safety and Halloween event at Central Station. The volunteers would be passing out bags of candy and informational packets about fire safety to children who came to the event. The fire chief was requested a spending limit to purchase candy and educational items in the amount of \$1500. Scotty Nunn made a motion to allow for the purchase of supplies in the amount of \$1500. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Next were board member comments. All the board members were well pleased with the volunteers and Chief Savage's work in the department.

The assistant chief was also appreciative of all the hard work by Chief Savage and Josh Halbrook.

Chief Savage thanked the board and volunteers for their continued support.

Scotty Nunn made a motion to adjourn. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion, and the motion carried.