

Ward Four FPD Minutes, November 2020

A regular meeting of the Ward Four Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on November 30, 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, Billy Wayne Pullig, and Marc Thomas. Others in attendance included Scott Savage, Darrell Avery, and Heather Holland. Mr. Robert Andrus of Delta Fire and Safety was present as a guest.

Kent Hightower presented the opening prayer.

After reviewing the minutes of the October 2020 fire district board meeting, Scotty Nunn offered a motion to accept them as presented. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The fire board next reviewed the November 2020 financials for payment. Marc Thomas made a motion to accept the report as provided. Billy Wayne Pullig provided the second, and the motion carried.

The board then moved on to old business. The board began by reviewing a quote from Pro Car for replacement of the tank on Tanker 6. Pro Car's quote was in the amount of \$20,500. After some discussion, Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to accept the quote from Pro Car. Scotty Nunn seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The board then touched on the budget for 2021. The budget would be accepted at the fire district board meeting to be held on December 28, 2020 at 7:00p.m.

The board then moved on to new business. The first item was the auditor engagement for the 2020 audit. After some discussion, Scotty Nunn made a motion to engage Mr. David Hartt as the district's auditor for 2020. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The board was then addressed by Mr. Andrus concerning the upcoming purchase of a new truck. Mr. Andrus reviewed options for proceeding with the purchase of a truck that had been quoted from their company. The options presented were either state contract purchasing or the process of placing the truck out for bid. After some discussion, the board decided to table the discussion until the district's attorney could look into which option would be the most prudent for the board to follow to purchase the truck.

The board then reviewed the payoff on two notes the fire district currently had. Both notes had one more payment remaining to be paid in 2021. The district would be free of both before the purchase of the new truck. Marc Thomas made a motion to leave the payments as currently arranged with no early payoff. Scotty Nunn seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Next were board member comments. Marc Thomas complimented the truck committee on their efforts and hard work in the procurement of a new truck for the fire district.

The assistant chief had no comment.

Chief Savage made the board aware that the district had been approved for a re-rating by P.I.A.L. The volunteers would be completing hose testing on December 5th with the safety meeting to follow on December 8th at 6:00p.m.

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