

Ward Four FPD Minutes, August 27, 2018

A regular meeting of the Ward Four Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on August 27, 2018, 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 Rel Mathews, Scotty Nunn, Arthur Harper, and Billy Wayne Pullig. Others in attendance included Scott Savage, Heather Holland, and Darrell Avery. Guests included Barry Dodson, Dustan Tippen, Tyler Wheat, and Josh Halbrook.

Scotty Nunn presented the opening prayer.

The board began with amendments to the agenda. Amendment 1 was to item number 1 on New Business to read, Review and Vote on Quote for Lettering of Memorial Sign. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to accept the amendment. Rel Mathews seconded the motion. A roll call vote was performed with 5 yeas and no nays. There were no public comments concerning the amendment.

Amendment 2 was to item number 2 on New Business to read, Review and Vote on Quote for Rock for Around Memorial Sign. Scotty Nunn made a motion to accept the amendment. Arthur Harper seconded the motion. A roll call vote was performed with 5 yeas and no nays. There were no public comments concerning the amendment.

Amendment 3 was to item number 3 on New Business to read, Review and Vote on Quote for Improvements to Front of Central Station. Scotty Nunn made a motion to accept the amendment. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion. A roll call vote was performed with 5 yeas and no nays. There were no public comments concerning the amendment.

Amendment 4 was to item number 4 on New Business to read, Fix CAFS and Foam Units on Engines. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to accept the amendment. Rel Mathews seconded the motion. A roll call vote was performed with 5 yeas and no nays. There were no public comments concerning the amendment.

Mr. Hightower also wished to add 5b. Pump Test Pumpers to the agenda. Rel Mathews made a motion to accept the amendment. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion. A roll call vote was performed with 5 yeas and no nays. There were no public comments concerning the amendment.

After reviewing the minutes of the July 2018 fire district board meeting, Arthur Harper offered a motion to accept them as presented. Rel Mathews seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The fire board next reviewed the August 2018 financials for payment. Scotty Nunn made a motion to accept the report as provided. Rel Mathews provided the second, and the motion carried.

The board then moved on to new business. The board reviewed both quotes from Dodson Enterprises for the addition of lettering to the memorial sign and placement of gravel around the sign. Some discussion followed concerning these additions. Billy Wayne Pullig offered a motion to add a change order to the original memorial construction contract to include both the addition of gravel around the memorial and lettering of the memorial. Rel Mathews seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The board then reviewed the quote from Dodson Enterprises for improvements to the front of central station. Dodson Enterprises had provided quotes for adding brick to the lower half of the front of the station or replacement of the metal siding. The board was considering these options as there were places on the lower part of the existing metal siding that were rusting out. The board discussed the item further. Arthur Harper made a motion to table the discussion until a later date. Rel Mathews seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The board then moved on to fixing CAFS and foam units on the engines. The board discussed what need to be done to get the units back working. Rel Mathews made a motion to have the CAFS on Engine 6 repaired. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The board then moved on to board member comments. Rel Mathews spoke to the board concerning negativity he is hearing concerning the running of Ward 4. Mr. Mathews believed the chief, assistant chief, and volunteers were doing a commendable job. The fire chief has many duties as chief and day man to accomplish. There should be no issue with hiring part-time help to get jobs accomplished.

The board then moved on to pump testing of trucks. Mr. Nunn had been in contact with two different companies to determine pricing. Both companies were going to pump test for \$250/pump. It was decided that quotes should be received before next meeting so the board could vote on them.

The assistant chief was not present.

The fire chief let the board know that Ward 4 had been awarded a forestry grant and will proceed with ordering the items on the grant. The school was completing monthly fire drills for the fire department to receive extra credit on the property insurance rating.

Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to adjourn. Rel Mathews seconded the motion, and the motion carried.