



WARD 4 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Ward Four FPD Minutes, June 25, 2018

A regular meeting of the Ward Four Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on June 25, 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 Kent Hightower, Rel Mathews, and Arthur Harper. Others in attendance included Scott Savage, Daniel Allen, and Heather Holland.

Arthur Harper presented the opening prayer.

There were no public comments.

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

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

The board then moved on to old business. A report of the parcel fee collection for 2018 was given. There were a total of 239 parcel fees left to collect for the year.

Next, new business was addressed. The board announced that the 2018 tax millage would be adopted at the July 30, 2018 board meeting.

The board then reviewed the 2017 audit performed on the fire district. No issues were found.

The next item of business was to consider the estimate provided by Dodson Enterprises for electrical work for the memorial. The board members reviewed the estimate. Rel Mathews offered a motion to accept the estimate in the amount of \$3950.00 from Dodson Enterprises



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for electrical work to be completed on the memorial. Arthur Harper offered a second, and the motion passed.

The board then moved on to discuss holiday pay for volunteer workers. The board discussed the issue. A motion was put forth by Rel Mathews to pay part-time/volunteer workers time and a half on the following holidays: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Thanksgiving, Easter, and July 4th. Arthur Harper seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The next item was a reassessment of volunteer compensation. There was a question of capping the amount that a volunteer could receive within a year. The board president believed that capping the amount at \$500/year should be considered. Mr. Mathews believed \$1000/year was a better figure. The board decided this topic needed further consideration and tabled the discussion until next board meeting.

The board then discussed applying for the 2018 Forestry Grant. The board reviewed items to put on the grant. Rel Mathews offered a motion to apply for the 2018 Forestry Grant. Arthur Harper seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The board then moved on to board member comments. There were none.

The assistant chief had no comments.

The district chief gave an overview of the month's training and run calls.

Rel Mathews made a motion to adjourn. Arthur Harper seconded the motion, and the motion carried.