

Ward Four FPD Minutes, February 26, 2018

A regular meeting of the Ward Four Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on February 26, 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, Arthur Harper, Billy Wayne Pullig, Rel Mathews, and Scotty Nunn. Others in attendance included Scott Savage, Daniel Allen, Heather Holland, and Darrell Avery.

Arthur Harper presented the opening prayer.

There were no public comments.

After reviewing the minutes of the January 2018 fire district board meeting, Scotty Nunn offered a motion to accept them as presented. Mr. Pullig seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The fire board next reviewed the February 2018 financials for payment. Arthur Harper 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.

As there had been no bids placed on the memorial project, the board discussed rebidding the project. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to run the bid in the local paper for two weeks with the bid opening being held on March 26, 2018 at the regularly scheduled board meeting. Rel Mathews seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The board then reviewed the 2017 parcel fees that had yet to be collected by the fire district. A motion was made to moved forward with filing suit against these individuals by Scotty Nunn. Arthur Harper seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next item of business was to consider how to handle the yearly truck maintenance. Scotty Nunn provided the board members with a list of what he believed needed to be done to the trucks during this year. Some discussion followed. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to hire Rod Potts contingent upon him having general liability insurance. Arthur Harper seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The board then moved to new business. The first item on the agenda was purchase of needed fire equipment. Chief Savage reviewed with the board items that currently needed to be purchased which included hose, nozzles, and a light for Boat 1. The board decided to pursue getting quotes on the nozzles and hose. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to purchase the light for Boat 1. Rel Mathews seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Next on the agenda was a request by Chief Savage for permission to purchase diesel as needed to fill the tank at Central Station. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion for Chief Savage to purchase the diesel as needed. Scotty Nunn seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The board then discussed the need to purchase three new sets of turnout gear for new volunteers that were past their probationary period. Arthur Harper made a motion to purchase the turnout gear for the three individuals. Rel Mathews seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Next the board discussed purchasing a door lock to replace the one at Hancock Haven Station. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to purchase the lock. Rel Mathews seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Chief Savage then informed the board that it was coming time to recertify the SCBAs for the year. Chief Savage was requesting approval as it was above his spending limit. Scotty Nunn made a motion to have the recertification of the SCBAs done for the year. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The board then discussed moving money from their primary checking account into their reserve checking account. Arthur Harper made a motion to move \$50,000 to the reserve account from the primary account. Scotty Nunn seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Next the board discussed lawn care for the year for the stations in the district. Last year the district spent \$5605 for lawn care service. The board discussed purchasing a zero turn mower and a push mower and having fire department volunteers mow the lawns. Rel Mathews made a motion to purchase a zero turn mower and a push mower for the district. Arthur Harper seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There were no comments by the board members.

No comments by the Assistant Chief.

The chief made the board aware of the donation of gas monitors to the fire district.

Arthur Harper made a motion to adjourn. Scotty Nunn seconded the motion, and the motion carried.