

Ward Four FPD Minutes, January 29, 2018

A regular meeting of the Ward Four Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on January 29, 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, Heather Holland, and Jared Sattler.

Arthur Harper presented the opening prayer.

The floor was then open to public comments. Mr. Nunn voiced his concern over individuals working on Friday not showing up by 7 o'clock in the morning to start their shift. Chief Savage stated that he would see that the situation was rectified.

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. Billy Wayne Pullig 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.

Jared Sattler from Bernard Insurance was present to provide an overview of the insurance policy the fire district currently had. The board members only had concern over whether the policy covered the motors on Boat 1. Mr. Sattler assured the members that he would have the policy updated to do so if it did not cover them already.

The board was given an update on the memorial project. The board wished to consult with legal counsel concerning what the next step should be in getting the project completed. The board would be advised at the next meeting.

The board then moved on to new business.

The first item of new business was to consider having the assistant district attorney attend board meetings. Mr. Darrell Avery had been contacted. His fee for attending each board meeting would be \$250.00/meeting. Any consulting work done outside of the meeting would be completed at an hourly rate of \$100/hour. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to hire Mr. Avery. Rel Mathews seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Next, discussion was had concerning appointment of a president and vice president for the board. Kent Hightower had been serving as president. The board discussed the issue and saw no reason to change president. Scotty Nunn offered a motion to appoint Mr. Hightower as president of the board. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion and the motion carried. The board discussed the issue of vice president. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to appoint Rel Mathews as vice president of the board. Arthur Harper seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The board then discussed placing the truck maintenance out for bid. The board discussed what services they wanted performed on the trucks. The board made a decision to table the discussion until next meeting when they could come up with a list concerning what needed to be done.

The board then moved on to revising the list of signees on the district's reserve account. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to have the following people listed on the reserve account as signees: Kent Hightower, Arthur Harper, Billy Wayne Pullig, Rel Mathews, Scotty Nunn, Heather Holland, Taylor Wall, and Alaina Huckaby. Scotty Nunn seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Next the board discussed the truck repairs on Engine 4. First Alarm currently had the truck at their shop following valves busting while at Twin City Transmission during the cold weather.

Scotty Nunn made a motion to have the truck repaired. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The board then discussed repairs needed on Boat 1. The board discussed the repairs needed as well as the option to replace parts needed. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to try and have the part repaired before moving ahead with the purchase of a new part. Rel Mathews seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Discussion concerning insurance coverage then followed. Kent Hightower and Chief Savage had met with a representative from Brown and Brown Insurance Agency. He wished to offer the fire district a quote on coverage for next year. The board decided to revisit the issue when it was time to renew the policy.

Comments by the board came next. Mr. Harper questioned who could serve as board members and whether they were required to be in the district. Mr. Nunn requested that a work record be provided for Friday employees. He also asked the board to consider advertising the position if it became difficult for the position to be filled each week. Mr. Hightower wanted the board to consider adding responsibilities to those who worked on Friday to help cover needs dealing with truck maintenance as well as lawn care. The board members also revisited a prior discussion concerning volunteer's children at the scene of incidents and the fire station. An agreement would be written to be discussed.

Asst. Chief Allen was not present.

Next were comments by the fire chief. Chief Savage wanted the boards permission to have it stated in the parcel letters that no money would be accepted at the fire station. This would ensure that money would only be handled through the post office. It would also keep us in good standing with the insurance company who did not wish to have any money left on the premises.

Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to adjourn. Arthur Harper seconded the motion, and the motion carried.