

Ward Four FPD Minutes, November 27, 2017

A regular meeting of the Ward Four Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on November 27, 2017, 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 Richard Barlow, Kent Hightower, Arthur Harper, Billy Wayne Pullig, and Cliff Rogers. Others in attendance included Scott Savage, Heather Holland, Scotty Nunn, Charles Robertson, Daniel Allen, and Tina Allen.

Cliff Rogers presented the opening prayer.

Kent Hightower began with amendments to the agenda. Mr. Hightower wished to add 9b. Special Called Meeting/Safety Meeting to the agenda. Mr. Barlow made a motion to accept this amendment. The motion passed with a vote of all yeas and no nays. There were no public comments concerning the amendment.

The floor was then open to public comments. Mr. Nunn advised the board that while working on the Hwy 505 Station trucks, it was discovered that a truck valve needed replacing.

After reviewing the minutes of the October 2017 fire district board meeting, Cliff Rogers offered a motion to accept them as presented. Richard Barlow seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The fire board next reviewed the November 2017 financials for payment. Richard Barlow made a motion to accept the report as provided. Cliff Rogers provided the second, and the motion carried.

The board was then given an update on the memorial project. The board needed to clarify the date by which they would stop receiving bid proposals as well as the date that the bids would be opened by the board. Clarification was needed due to the fact that the board would need to move the regularly scheduled December meeting date because it fell on Christmas

day. The board would name the date when the board reached the agenda item pertaining to meeting date.

The board then discussed the 2017 parcel fee collection. More payments had come in since the last board meeting, and the list of unpaid parcels were diminishing.

The 2018 proposed budget was then looked over by the board. Arthur Harper made a motion to accept the 2018 proposed budget. Cliff Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The board then moved on to new business. Bernard Insurance was not in attendance to discuss the insurance policy, so the item was skipped.

Next the board discussed the use of the meeting room by a quilting group within the fire district once a month at no cost. The board saw no issue with the request. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to approve the use of the meeting room by the quilting group at no cost. Richard Barlow seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The board then moved on to a new board member nomination. Mr. Barlow term was set to expire on December 31, 2017. He would not be serving again. The board considered the following people as possible candidates: Charles Robertson, Rel Matthews, Tracy Wold, and Scotty Nunn. After much discussion, Rel Matthews was nominated with 4 yeas and 1 nay.

Next the board moved the December meeting date. Richard Barlow made a motion to move the meeting date to December 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Cliff Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The board then discussed the need to add individuals to the list of signees for checks at the bank. This recommendation came from the district's auditor. It was decided by the board to add the following individuals from Kenneth Folden and Co., who served as the district's bookkeeper. These two individuals were Alaina Huckaby and Taylor Wall. The district would also add Heather Holland, Ward 4 secretary, and Billy Wayne Pullig, board member, to the list as well. Arthur Harper made a motion to add Alaina Huckaby, Taylor Wall, Heather Holland, and Billy Wayne Pullig to the list of check signers. Cliff Rogers seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Next the board reviewed the run reports.

Comments by the board came next. Kent Hightower thanked Mr. Barlow for his many years of service to the fire district.

Asst. Chief Allen then thanked the board for their time.

Next were comments by the fire chief. Chief Savage informed the board that the district's next PIAL rating would come in 2020. The district was already preparing for the rating and hoped to maintain their current grade.

The board then discussed having a special called meeting on December 11, 2017 at 6:00PM for the annual safety meeting and dinner. Richard Barlow made a motion to have the meeting on December 11, 2017. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Cliff Rogers made a motion to adjourn. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion, and the motion carried.