Ward Four FPD Minutes, August 29,2016

A regular meeting of the Ward Four Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on August 29, 2016, 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 Doyce McGuffie, Cliff Rogers, Kent Hightower, Arthur Harper & Richard Barlow. Others in attendance included Curtis Roller, Scott Savage, Frankie Harris, Virginia Harris and Douglas Stokes.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Cliff Rogers.

There were no public comments received for this meeting.

After reviewing the minutes of the July2016 fire district board meeting and the August 4, 2016 special called meeting, Richard Barlow offered a motion to accept the minutes of the July regular meeting and the August 4, 2016 special called meeting as presented. Cliff Rogers provided a second to the action and the motion carried.

The fire board next reviewed the August 2016 financials for payment. After the review Cliff Rogers made a motion to accept the report as provided. Richard Barlow provided the second and the motion carried.

The fire board were then advised as to the disposition of the parcel fee roll and how many were still outstanding. A past due list of parcel fee holders was submitted to the governing board. An update was then given to the fire board on the impending boat purchase.

The fire board was then advised the progress in the construction of the fire boat housing.

A report on the Mack Tanker was then given by the administrative assistant.

Then the fire board was updated on the lease agreement with ATT.

Richard Barlow then offered a motion to accept a resolution to set the taxing millage for the fire district at 10.28 mills for the 2016 taxing year. Arthur Harper offered a second to that motion. The motion passed be a vote of four Yea's, no Nays and one abstain.

Richard Barlow then made a motion to accept the Boat House Change Order #1 adding two feet to the length of the structure at a cost of \$1376.00. Cliff Rogers provided the second and the motion carried.

Boat House Change Order No. 2 was then considered. This change order would increase the length of the walkway to the structure by 32' with handrails. Richard Barlow made the motion to accept this change order at a cost of \$3700.00. Arthur Harper seconded the action and this motion carried.

A proposal was then reviewed by the board to install the electrical at the boat house. Doyce McGuffie made a motion to accept the proposal put forth by Todd Lenard. Arthur Harper provided the second and this motion carried.

The installation of backup power at the boat house site was discussed. Richard Barlow made a motion to install an automatic disconnect switch and set a propane fired generator at a later date. Arthur Harper seconded this motion and the motion carried. A discussion ensued concerning the public education Halloween program. Cliff Rogers made a motion to allow up to \$2000.00 of fire district funds to be spent on this fire education project. Doyce McGuffie provided the second and the motion carried.

Doyce McGuffie then offered a motion to support the Christmas Basket program with the volunteers providing the funds to perform the project. Kent Hightower seconded the action and it passed.

A discussion then ensued as to the way the fire district could recognize those who have served the fire district. A study will follow on how to best accomplish this.

Cliff Rogers then offered a motion to approve the purchase of a chain saw to be carried on Engine 1. Arthur Harper seconded the motion and the motion carried.

An application was then considered from Philip Wilkerson to work day shift relief basically. Richard Barlow offered a motion to deny membership due to the fact that Mr. Wilkerson does not live within the boundaries of the fire district.

The president then took comments from board members, the district chief and the administrative assistant.

Richard Barlow then made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Arthur Harper. Motion carried.