

MINUTES
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
GOVERNMENT BUILDING

880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen
Thursday, September 22, 2022
5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Fire Protection District No. 1 Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, September 22, 2022 and called to order at 05:00 PM. Chairman Carey Denstel asked that all electronic devices be placed on silent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Denstel recognized Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman, Mr. Curtis Ducote, who led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. LOG ATTENDANCE

The following members were recorded as being present: Messrs. Kirk Allain, Chris Kershaw, Atley Walker, Caleb Kleinpeter, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Craig Bergeron, and Gary Joseph.

Also present were, Mr. Riley Berthelot Jr, Parish President, Mr. Jason Manola, Executive Assistant, and Mrs. Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes From The Regular Meeting Of August 25, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Caleb Kleinpeter, seconded by Commissioner Chris Kershaw to approve the Minutes From The Regular Meeting Of August 25, 2022.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Messrs. Kirk Allain, Chris Kershaw, Atley Walker, Caleb Kleinpeter, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Craig Bergeron, and Gary Joseph)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion **Passed**.

5. CONSIDER ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no items to consider at this time.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments at this time.

7. FIRE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Butch Browning, Fire Superintendent, was recognized and covered Fire Department activities over the past month:

- Operational policies and procedures are in the final and in force.
- We have 2 rookies on training through our in-house training program at a savings of \$10,000.00 in costs
- We currently have 4 vacancies that we are in the process of filling
- Conducted our first in-school training for fire cadets at Brusly High School. We have 19 juniors and seniors who are in the “Jump-Start Program”, which is a technical career training program.
- Working to interface our new Information Management System into the 911 Cad Dispatch. This enhancement will ensure quick assignment of emergency equipment and properly account for NFPA 1710 guidance and PIAL.
- Continuing efforts to execute a water modeling assessment of the parish and City of Port Allen water systems in order to gain credit on the PIAL rating.

- Continuing preparation work on a single parish-wide fire rating. Also waiting for a visit in Jan. 2023 for ratings for Port Allen and Rosehill.
- Participating in the 2023 Budget process. Providing needs assessment for the department
- Currently requesting approval for Fire Training Chief and Fire Prevention Chief.
- Completed proposed incentive program for the volunteers.

8. **COMMUNICATIONS WITH BOARD MEMBERS AND/OR ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

9. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Caleb Kleinpeter and was adopted by acclamation at 05:12 PM.


Carey Denstel, Board Chairman


Michelle Z. Tullier, Board Secretary

