

**MINUTES OF THE
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
GOVERNMENT BUILDING
Thursday, October 13, 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, October 13, 2022 and called to order at 05:00 PM. Board Chairman Carey Denstel asked that all electronic devices be placed on silent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Denstel recognized Mr. Mike Maranto 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. Butch Browning, Fire Superintendent, and Mrs. Michelle Tullier, Board Secretary.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes From The Regular Meeting Of September 8, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Alan Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Kirk Allain to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2022.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Kirk Allain, Chris Kershaw, Atley Walker, Caleb Kleinpeter, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Craig Bergeron, 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 went over the two proposed new positions of Chief Training Officer and Chief Fire Prevention Officer being asked for. Mr. Browning went on to give the Board numerous reasons for needing these aforementioned positions.

8. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution of Board of Commissioners of West Baton Rouge Parish Fire Protection No. 1 Relating to the Approval to Amend the 2022 Fire Department Budget

A motion was made by Commissioner Chris Kershaw, seconded by Commissioner Atley Walker to approve the Resolution of Board of Commissioners of West Baton Rouge Parish Fire Protection No. 1 Relating to the Approval to Amend the 2022 Fire Department Budget.

The vote was recorded as follows:
YEAS: 9 (Kirk Allain, Chris Kershaw, Atley Walker, Caleb Kleinpeter, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Craig Bergeron, Gary Joseph)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 0 (None)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)
As a result of the votes the motion Passed.
Resolution F4 of 2022 can be found at the end of these minutes.

9. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was adopted by acclamation at 05:09 PM.



Carey Denstel, Board Chairman



Michelle Z. Tullier, Board Secretary

RESOLUTION F4 OF 2022

Resolution of Board of Commissioners of West Baton Rouge Parish Fire Protection No. 1 Relating to the Approval to Amend the 2022 Fire Department Budget

WHEREAS, a quorum of the Board of Commissioners (“BOC”) of West Baton Rouge Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 ("District") was present on this date for a properly advertised, special meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board feels that after discussions with Superintendent Browning there is a need for two new Fire Department positions in order to enhance fire and emergency incident prevention as well as emergency response, while also giving closer attention to reducing fire insurance rates to residential and commercial property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the District, its employees, citizens and taxpayers to approve the proposed amendments to the 2022 Fire District Budget of revenues and expenditures for District No. 1;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED **that:**

- 1. The BOC support the proposed 2022 budget adjustments relating to hiring for the two positions of Chief Training Officer, and Chief Fire Prevention Officer as presented;
- 2. To the extent that prior resolutions or acts of this Board conflict with this Resolution those prior resolutions and actions are superseded by this Resolution.

The Foregoing Resolution Was Considered, And, After Public Discussion, A Motion To Approve Was Made By Commissioner Alan Crowe, Which Was Seconded By Commissioner Kirk Allain.

The Resolution Was Submitted To A Vote, The Vote Thereon Was As Follows:

YEAS: 9 (Messrs. Crowe, Allain, Kershaw, Walker, Kleinpeter, Denstel, Gordon, Bergeron and Joseph)
NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this **13th Day of October, 2022.**

CERTIFICATE

I, Michelle Tullier, Secretary of the West Baton Rouge Parish Fire District #1 Board of Commissioners do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said body at the Special Meeting of October 13, 2022 at which meeting a majority of the members were present and voting.


Clerk, Board of Commissioners
West Baton Rouge Fire Protection District No. 1