

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

880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen
Thursday, October 14, 2021
5:15 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 14, 2021 and called to order at 05:15 PM. Chairman Kirk Allain asked that all electronic devices be placed on silent.

2. LOG ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Mr. Caleb Kleinpeter, Craig Bergeron

Also present were, Mr. Riley Berthelot Jr, Parish President, and Mrs. Michelle Tullier, Board Secretary.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 08, 2021 and Special Meeting of August 26, 2021

A motion was made by Carey Denstel, seconded by Alan Crowe to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 08, 2021 and Special Meeting of August 26, 2021.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Kirk Allain, Chris Kershaw, Atley Walker, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Gary Joseph)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Caleb Kleinpeter, Craig Bergeron)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes the motion passed.

4. CONSIDER ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no items to consider at this time.

5. RESOLUTIONS

There were no items to consider at this time.

6. FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Charles Stevens was recognized and reported on the following items:
Call Log 551 calls, Addis/Brusly 167 calls, Rosehill 71 Calls, Lobdell 46 calls, Port Allen 269 calls.

Still looking for Volunteers and permanent employees;

Keeping up with day to day operations,

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

President Berthelot gave a brief update on the status of hiring a new Fire Chief, stating that we have had 16 applications submitted for the position, and explained per the Civil Service process a test must now be called for noting this process can take a month or so. There were a few questions from the Board in regards to the process. Mr. Kershaw requested that someone come by the Brusly Town Council Meeting and give updates to them, Chairman Allain requested the same be done in Addis. President Berthelot went on to explain there would be a meeting next week to identify water lines that may need upgrading and tying in to loop water service, noting this is the type of projects that the American Rescue Funds can be used for.

Mr. Caleb Kleinpeter entered the meeting at 5:24pm.

Mr. Kleinpeter asked for an update on the renaming of the Choctaw Fire Station, Chief Stevens explained the materials are being ordered and once we receive the sign material there will be a dedication for that building, and notices for that dedication will be sent out.

8. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Chris Kershaw and was adopted by acclamation at 05:30 PM.


Kirk A. Allain, Board Chairman


Michelle Z. Tullier, Board Secretary

