



FIRE CHIEF J.T. WALLACE, JR.

BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4

PUBLIC MEETING

MAY 17, 2022 MINUTES

TIME OF MEETING – 3:00 PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Barnette called the regular scheduled public meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order. Chief Turner called roll as follows:

ROLL CALL: Board members **PRESENT** – Johnny Barnette, Jason McGinty, Sammy Halphen, and Jay Valentine

Board members **ABSENT** – Stephanie Collier

Others **PRESENT** – Fire Chief JT Wallace Jr., Tim Turner, Jacob Maddox, Hurmon Gibson, Yvonne Aldrich, John Cassel, and Jonathan Davis

The public meeting was held in the Board Room of the Bossier Parish EMS and Fire Complex, located at 5275 Swan Lake Road, Bossier City, Louisiana 71111.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Hurmon Gibson

BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS (Moved to 1st order of business to update board members)

Chief Turner informed the board that the Town of Benton has reappointed Stephanie Collier and Jason McGinty to serve as the Town of Benton representatives on the BFD4 Board of Commissioners.

MOTION was made by JAY VALENTINE and seconded by SAMMY HALPHEN to accept the reappointment of Stephanie Collier and Jason McGinty to serve as town representatives on the BFD4 Board of Commissioners. Chairman Barnette called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 19, 2022 BOC MEETING

Questions/Discussion about BOC minutes from April 19, 2022 --- NONE

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by JAY VALENTINE to accept the written minutes for the meeting held on April 19, 2022. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIALS THROUGH MAY 13, 2022

Questions/Discussion about Financials through May 13, 2022: ---- NONE

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to approve of the financials through May 13, 2022. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

BOND

ENGINE: Chief Wallace informed the board that the district has received a quote from Ferrara. The price for the new Engine will be \$590,000.00. The Engine will be purchased through the Louisiana state contract. Chief Wallace also stated that the district may be able to purchase a cab and chassis from this same vender in order to refurbish one of the older engines. Chief Wallace stated that the district did explore another vender and the price for a comparable engine was almost \$100,000.00 more. Chief stated that the quote was only good until the end of this week and asked the board for approval to issue a purchase order so the process may begin.

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to approve the issuance of a purchase order to acquire the new engine via the Louisiana State Contract. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously

STATION REMODEL: Chief Turner informed the board that the district is advertising for bids for the addition to Station 3. The bids will be advertised in the Bossier Press Tribune on May 18th, May 25th, June 1st, and June 8th of 2022. Chief Turner stated that Jim Firth (BPPJ) is assisting with the digital advertisement for bids to comply with current bid law(s).



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SCBA: Chief Turner informed the board that the district has received a quote from MSA for the purchase of 54 SCBA and 111 cylinders. The quotes were made available to the board for review. The cost ranges from \$503,000.00 - \$593,000.00 depending on what accessories are added. Jacob Maddox informed the board that the purchase of the SCBA will be done by piggy backing on the New Orleans MSA contract. Using the New Orleans contract will allow the district to purchase the SCBA without having to go through the bid process. The New Orleans contract will allow the district to purchase the SCBA/Accessories at 20-30% less than the district would be able to purchase them for if the district went out for bids.

MOTION was made by JASON MCGINTY and seconded by SAMMY HALPHEN to approve the issuance of a purchase order to acquire the new SCBA using the New Orleans contract when available. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Moved to 1st order of business

NEW HIRE

Chief Wallace informed the board that the district has hired a new firefighter, Jonathan Davis. Jonathan began working on May 16, 2022.

NEW BUILDING FOR STATION 1 (BPPJ)

Chief Turner informed the board that the BPPJ will donate a building to the district. The building is approximately 20 x 40 and will be placed behind station 1. The cost to the district will be moving the building and setting up the building to use as storage/exercise room.

CIVIL SERVICE/INTERNAL PA FORMS

Chief Turner there are no PA forms at the time of meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to adjourn. Chairman Barnette called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.