



FIRE CHIEF J.T. WALLACE, JR.

BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4

PUBLIC MEETING

April 18, 2023 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, Sammy Halphen, Jason McGinty

Board members **ABSENT** – Stephanie Collier and Jay Valentine

Others **PRESENT** – Chief Wallace, Tim Turner, Jacob Maddox, Hurmon Gibson, 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 Jonathan Davis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 21, 2023 BOC PUBLIC MEETING

Questions/Discussion about BOC public meeting minutes held on March 21, 2023---None

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to accept and approve the written minutes for the BOC public meeting held on March 21, 2023. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



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APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIALS AS OF APRIL 14, 2023

Questions/Discussion about Financials through March 17, 2023: ---- Chief Turner informed the board that the financials do not reflect the purchase of the T-Bills. The T-Bills will be included in the financials for the May BOC meeting.

MOTION was made by JASON MCGINTY and seconded by SAMMY HALPHEN to approve of the financials through April 14, 2023. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE: STATION 3 CONSTRUCTION

Chief Wallace reported that the construction is on track to be finished in mid-June or the beginning of July. At this time the only issue regarding construction is the doors and windows, they have been ordered, the estimated time of delivery is 2 to 4 weeks.

UPDATE: PIAL RATING

Chief Wallace reported that the district has consulted with Randy Loe, a former PIAL representative, to determine what the district must do to improve the PIAL rating. A report of his findings was presented to the board. Chief Wallace stated that the district can improve to a Class 2 in the future after enough time has passed to get credit for the newly added Fire Prevention Bureau and changing fire department operations to primarily use water hauling as the method of water supply in the areas that require a greater fire flow than the water system (Hydrants) can supply. Chief Wallace stated that the time frame to accomplish the required changes to obtain a class 2 would be two to three years.

NEW BUSINESS

PURCHASE OF T-BILLS

Chief Turner reported that a 4-month and a 5-month T-Bill was purchased through Red River Bank in the amount of 1.4 and 1 million dollars. The interest for the T-Bills will be \$19,472 for the 1 million dollar/5 month T-Bill and \$21,175 for the 1.4 million dollar/4 month T-Bill. Chief Turner stated that on the maturity date of each the funds would be deposited back into the accounts that were used to purchase them.



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CIVIL SERVICE/INTERNAL PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS

The board was presented with civil service/internal PA forms regarding extended sick leave for an employee injured on the job.

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to approve the Civil Service/Internal PA forms. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

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