

## **Ward Four FPD Minutes, December 31, 2018**

**A regular meeting of the Ward Four Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on December 31 ,2019, at the fire district's Central Station, located at 261 Hwy 505, Jonesboro, LA . This meeting was called to order by Kent Hightower, fire district board president.**

**Fire district board members in attendance included Kent Hightower, Rel Mathews, Billy Wayne Pullig, and Scotty Nunn. Others in attendance included Scott Savage, Daniel Allen, and Darrell Avery. Guests included Amanda Ledford and Ward 4 volunteers.**

**Rel Mathews presented the opening prayer.**

**There were no public comments.**

**The board began by amending the agenda to include 7b. Change Locks on Station Doors. Billy Wayne Pullig offered a motion to change the agenda. Rel Mathews seconded the motion. A roll call vote was performed with all yeas and no nays. There were no public comments concerning the change.**

**After reviewing the minutes of the November fire district board meeting, Scotty Nunn offered a motion to accept them as presented. Rel Mathews seconded the motion, and the motion carried.**

**The fire board next reviewed the December 2018 financials for payment. Some discussion was had concerning the American Express bill. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to accept the report as provided. Rel Mathews provided the second, and the motion carried.**

**The board then moved on to new business. The board reviewed the 2019 proposed budget. Scotty Nunn made a motion to accept the proposed budget for 2019. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion. A roll call vote was performed with all yeas and no nays.**

The board then moved on to appointing training instructors for Ward 4. Scott Savage, Mike Simonelli, and Rel Mathews were put forth as training instructors for the department. The board discussed the individuals, and the knowledge they provided. Billy Wayne made a motion to accept those three individuals as training instructors for the department. Scotty Nunn seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Next item on the agenda was a proposal to purchase jackets for the volunteers. The jackets would cost \$50/jacket with an added \$10/jacket to add the volunteer's name. The board discussed the issue. Billy Wayne Pullig made a motion to go forward with the purchase of the jackets for all volunteers interested in having a new one. Rel Mathews seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The board then moved on to discussion concerning purchasing physical training equipment. Mr. Allen presented the board with a list of items the volunteers would like the department to purchase. The total for the items listed was approximately \$6800. After lengthy discussion concerning liability and the necessity of certain items on the list, the board came to a decision. Rel Mathews made a motion to purchase a Bowflex treadmill and elliptical for no more than \$2700 with the remainder of the list to be tabled until a later meeting date. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Next the board reviewed the resignation letter of Arthur Harper. Scotty Nunn made a motion to accept the resignation of Arthur Harper as a Ward 4 board member. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The board then discussed the nomination of a new board member. Jimmy Tolar and Marc Thomas were nominated as possible board members for the vacancy. Rel Mathews made a motion to offer the name of Jimmy Tolar to the Police Jury to be considered as a board member for Ward 4 FPD. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was new volunteer applications. There were two new applicants, Shane Wigley and Amanda Ledford. The board reviewed and discussed both applications. Billy Wayne Pullig offered a motion to accept Amanda Ledford as a volunteer on a probationary period. Scotty Nunn seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Rel Mathews offered a motion to accept Shane Wigley as a volunteer on a probationary period. Billy Wayne Pullig seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Next, the board discussed changing the locks on the station doors. The cost to do so would be approximately \$700-\$800. Rel Mathews made a motion to change the combination on the locks on all the stations. Scotty Nunn seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The board then moved on to discuss the purchase of turnout gear for the new volunteers recently voted on. Scotty Nunn made a motion to purchase turnout gear for two new volunteers. Rel Mathews seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The board reviewed options for a plaque to place on the memorial wall in memory of Christopher Peterson. The board asked that the company be contacted and have something drawn up for the next meeting.

Next on the agenda were board member comments. Kent Hightower thanked the volunteers for all their help at a recent medical call.

The assistant chief thanked the board members for their service.

The fire chief thanked the volunteers and the commissioners for their hard work.

Scotty Nunn made a motion to adjourn. Rel Mathews seconded the motion, and the motion carried.