

**LIVINGSTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
9760 Florida Blvd, Walker LA 70785 (Headquarters)**

May 16, 2022

Chairman Dugas called the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:01 p.m. The invocation was given by Mr. Blevins and the assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Dugas called the roll with the following members present: Mr. Darren Blevins, Mr. Robert Dugas, Mr. Jeff Easley and Mr. Leslie Falks. Mr. Joseph Blanchard was absent. Chief James Wascom, Mr. Trey Sanders, Tasha Killcrease, and several LPFPD4 members were also in attendance.

Chairman Dugas announced that public input would be accepted from any member of the audience wishing to address an agenda item. There being no public input, the Board moved on.

Mr. Blevins made the motion, seconded by Mr. Falks, to adopt the minutes of the April 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Ayes: Mr. Blevins, Mr. Dugas, Mr. Easley, Mr. Falks
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Blanchard

Mr. Jim Ryan, the Livingston Parish Financial Advisor, joined the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Mr. Jim Ryan explained the Proces Verbal and read aloud the election results. There were a total of 809 votes cast in favor of the Proposition and 673 votes cast against the Proposition. Therefore, the Proposition passed.

PROCES VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE ELECTION HELD IN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 OF LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on the 16th day of May, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at 9760 Florida Blvd., Walker, Louisiana, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 4 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana (the "*Governing Authority*"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 4 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana (the "*District*"), and being the authority ordering the election held therein on Saturday, April 30, 2022, did examine and canvass the returns of the election, there having been submitted at the election the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall Fire Protection District No. 4 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana (the "*District*"), be authorized to levy a special tax of fifteen (15) mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$4,100,000.00 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) (the "*Tax*"), for a period of twenty (20) years, beginning with the year 2022 and ending with the year 2041, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection and emergency medical service facilities, vehicles and equipment, including

both movable and immovable property, and to pay the costs of obtaining water for fire hydrant purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and services?

There was found by said count and canvass that the following votes had been cast at the said special election IN FAVOR OF and AGAINST, respectively, the proposition as hereinabove set forth at the following polling places, to-wit:

<u>WARD/ PRECINCT</u>	<u>POLLING PLACE</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
00/01	N Live Oak Elementary School, 36605 Outback Road, Denham Springs	18	10
00/01A	N Live Oak Elementary School, 36605 Outback Road, Denham Springs	9	11
00/01B	Live Oak Elementary School Cafeteria, 35194 Old LA Highway 16, Denham Springs	17	8
00/01C	Live Oak Elementary School Cafeteria, 35194 Old LA Highway 16, Denham Springs	8	5
00/01D	N Live Oak Elementary School, 36605 Outback Road, Denham Springs	7	11
00/02	South Live Oak Elementary School, 8400 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs	21	20
00/02A	South Live Oak Elementary School, 8400 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs	17	13
00/03	Faith Crossing UMC, 34260 Walker North Road, Walker	30	14
00/03A	Levi Milton Elementary School, 31450 Walker North Road, Walker	18	8
00/03B	Faith Crossing UMC, 34260 Walker North Road, Walker	5	7
00/04 (PART OF)	Live Oak Middle School, 8444 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs	5	12
00/04A (PART OF)	Live Oak Middle School, 8444 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs	2	9
00/04B	Live Oak Middle School, 8444 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs	5	5
00/05	Levi Milton Elementary School, 31450 Walker North Road, Walker	21	24
00/05A	N Corbin Elementary School, 32645 North Corbin Road, Walker	8	3
00/05B	Levi Milton Elementary School, 31450 Walker North Road, Walker	7	7
00/05C	Levi Milton Elementary School, 31450 Walker North Road, Walker	3	1
00/06 (PART OF)	N Corbin Elementary School, 32645 North Corbin Road, Walker	25	21
00/06A (PART OF)	N Livingston Voting Precinct, 32511 LA Highway 63, Livingston	0	0
00/07	South Walker Elementary School, 13745 Milton Lane, Walker	21	8
00/07A (PART OF)	Walker High School, 12646 Burgess Avenue, Walker	5	5
00/07B (PART OF)	South Walker Elementary School, 13745 Milton Lane, Walker	10	10
00/07C (PART OF)	South Walker Elementary School, 13745 Milton Lane, Walker	4	3
00/07D (PART OF)	South Walker Elementary School, 13745 Milton Lane, Walker	3	1
00/08A (PART OF)	Doyle Elementary School, 29285 South Range Road, Livingston	0	2
00/20	Frost Elementary School, 19672 LA Highway 42, Livingston	0	6
00/21	South Fork Elementary School (CAF), 23300 Walker South Road, Denham Springs	22	23
00/21A	Gray's Creek Elementary School, 11400 LA Highway 1033, Denham Springs	5	11
00/23 (PART OF)	Gray's Creek Elementary School, 11400 LA Highway 1033, Denham Springs	17	25
00/23A (PART OF)	Juban Parc Junior High School, 12470 Brown Road, Denham Springs	5	0
00/23B (PART OF)	Juban Parc Junior High School, 12470 Brown Road, Denham Springs	4	1
00/23C	Gray's Creek Elementary School, 11400 LA Highway 1033, Denham Springs	11	11
00/24 (PART OF)	Lewis Vincent Elementary School, 7686 Vincent Road, Denham Springs	3	2
00/24C(PART OF)	Lewis Vincent Elementary School, 7686 Vincent Road, Denham Springs	7	1
00/33	Port Vincent Village Hall, 18235 LA Highway 16, Port Vincent	8	10
00/35	Walker Freshman High School, 13443 Burgess Avenue, Walker	13	8
00/35A	Walker Freshman High School, 13443 Burgess Avenue, Walker	12	5
00/36	Westside Junior High School, 12615 Burgess Avenue, Walker	12	15
00/36A	Westside Junior High School, 12615 Burgess Avenue, Walker	6	14
00/40 (PART OF)	Freshwater Elementary School, 1025 Cockerham Road, Denham Springs	0	1
00/40A (PART OF)	Freshwater Elementary School, 1025 Cockerham Road, Denham Springs	6	8
00/41 (PART OF)	Freshwater Elementary School, 1025 Cockerham Road, Denham Springs	0	0
ABSENTEE		409	314

Mr. Jim Ryan presented Resolution 22-002:

A Resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in Fire Protection District No. 4 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), on Saturday, April 30, 2022, to authorize the levy and collection of a fifteen (15) mills tax on assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the District, for a period of twenty (20) years for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection and emergency medical service facilities, vehicles and equipment, including both movable and immovable property,

and to pay the costs of obtaining water for fire hydrant purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and services; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Mr. Blevins made the motion, seconded by Mr. Easley, to accept Resolution 22-002: canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election.

Ayes: Mr. Blevins, Mr. Dugas, Mr. Easley, Mr. Falks
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Blanchard

Mr. Jim Ryan presented Resolution 22-003:

A Resolution directing the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax of fifteen (15) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation within the geographic boundaries of Fire Protection District No. 4 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana, for a period of twenty (20) years, beginning in the year 2022 and ending in the year 2041, authorized under the provisions of Article VI, Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, as amended, La. R.S. 40:1501 and other constitutional and statutory authority as applicable, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection and emergency medical service facilities, vehicles and equipment, including both movable and immovable property, and to pay the costs of obtaining water for fire hydrant purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and services; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Mr. Falks made the motion, seconded by Mr. Easley, to accept Resolution 22-003: directing the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax of 15 mills.

Ayes: Mr. Blevins, Mr. Dugas, Mr. Easley, Mr. Falks
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Blanchard

The 2022 Millage Rate Projections for the 10 mills and 15 mills were presented to the Board along with Resolution 22-004:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2022 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Livingston Parish Fire Protection District 4:

MILLAGE

Acquisitions & Maintenance	10.00 mills
Acquisitions & Maintenance	15.00 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2022, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

Mr. Leslie Falks left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

The April 2022 Financial Report was reviewed with Trey Sanders from Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP along with the Board Members. The Financial Report includes Balance Sheet for assets as well as liabilities and fund balance, Statement of Income, Budget to Actual, and General Fixed Assets.

Chief Wascom gave the Engineers' Report in the absence of Quality Engineering & Surveying. Both Station 6 & 7 driveways have been approved through the Livingston Parish Planning Department and Permits can be pulled through the parish. A discussion was held on the price value. Chief Wascom advised he will contact Quality Engineering & Surveying to start getting quotes on both driveways.

There being no further new business, the board moved on to Chief's Reports:

- Chief Wascom advised the Board he is working on interest rate numbers to take out a certificate of indebtedness and will send out to the Board for future discussion.
- Chief Wascom advised there is a committee formed to help with future discussion and new hires. He also advised the need to update the current pay scale.
- Chief Wascom advised the Board that the High School Firefighter course at Walker High will start in August of 2022. He expressed the need for an additional training officer to help teach this course. A discussion was held.

Mr. Blevins made the motion, seconded by Mr. Easley, to ask the Civil Service Board to call for the Training/Safety Officer test.

Ayes: Mr. Blevins, Mr. Dugas, Mr. Easley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Falks

- Deputy Chief Trey Jackson presented the response statistics for LPFPD4's total of 549 calls in April of 2022.

There being no further business, the board moved on to Commissioner's Reports:

- Commissioner Easley commented on the approval of the millage and the importance to grow smart, not fast.
- A discussion was held on Firefighter ranks as well the number of Firefighters per Engine.

There being no further business before the board, Mr. Easley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blevins to adjourn at 6:44 p.m.

Ayes: Mr. Blevins, Mr. Dugas, Mr. Easley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Falks



Robert Dugas, Chairman