

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

September 19, 2022

Chairman Dugas called the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:03 p.m. The invocation was given by Mr. Falks and the assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Dugas called the roll with the following members present: Mr. Joseph Blanchard, Mr. Darren Blevins, Mr. Robert Dugas, Mr. Jeffrey Easley and Mr. Leslie Falks. Chief James Wascom, Mr. Trey Sanders, Mr. Eddie Aydell, 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. Falks made the motion, seconded by Mr. Easley, to adopt the minutes of the August 15, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

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

The August 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.

There being no new items on the Engineer's Report or no old business to discuss, the board moved on to new business.

Chief Wascom explained that vehicles are a year out on the state contract and the department will need five Chief vehicles put out for bid. A discussion was held.

Mr. Blevins made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, to approve three pickup trucks and two SUV's to be placed out for bid.

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

Mr. Eddie Aydell with Alvin Fairburn & Associates, LLC. on behalf of the City of Denham Springs Gas Department discussed installing a gas regulator on the departments Hillon Hood Road property (Station 9). A map was presented showing the 20'x20' area needed. A discussion was held.

Mr. Easley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, to approve Chief Wascom to sign an intergovernmental agreement between Livingston Parish Fire Protection District 4 and the City of Denham Springs Gas to install a gas regulator at the southeast corner of Station 9 property providing they install their own access and waive for any fees associated with the building of a new station at that location.

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

There being no more new business, the board moved on to Chief's and Commissioner's Reports.

Chief Wascom discussed:

- The certificate of indebtedness and rates offered by the interested banks. Investar Bank offered 3.89% interest rate for 12 year loan with a closing date for October of 2022.
- The department's PIAL rating improvement.
- The approval of South Satsuma Road (Station 11) property variance.

Deputy Chief Trey Jackson presented the response statistics for LPFPD4's total of 641 calls in August 2022 and gave update on plans for Family Day to be held on October 22, 2022.

Training/Safety Officer Keesler Fly presented an update on the High School Firefighter class and discussed the Incident Safety Officer Class.

Fire Prevention Officer Matt Gallman updated the board on the new drone and the status of the inflatable smoke house.

Mr. Falks ask for an update regarding the Foxglove subdivision. A discussion was held.

There being no further business before the board, Mr. Blevins made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

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


Robert Dugas, Chairman