

**LIVINGSTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

9760 Florida Blvd, Walker LA 70785 (Headquarters)

December 19, 2022

Vice Chairman Easley called Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Mr. Falks and the assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Vice Chairman Easley announced that public input would be accepted from any member of the audience wishing to address an agenda item. There was no public comment made.

Mr. Blevins made the motion, seconded by Mr. Falks, to adopt the minutes of the November 21, 2022 Board Meeting.

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

The November 2022 Financial Report was reviewed by Trey Sanders with 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. No comments were made.

Chief Wascom gave the Engineers Report in the absence of Quality Engineering & Survey, LLC. An update on the progress of Station 6 & 7 driveways was given.

There being no further old business to discuss, the Board moved on to new business.

Chief Wascom announced the bid opening for the new vehicles will be December 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Chief advised vehicles are expected to take nearly a year. A discussion was held.

Mr. Blevins made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, to authorize Chief Wascom to accept and approve the lowest bid, not to exceed \$235,000.

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

Chief Wascom discussed items 9b and 9c in reference to hiring full time Assistant Chiefs and Battalion Chiefs. A discussion was held.

Mr. Falks made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blevins, to create Assistant Chief positions and allocate the funds.

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

Mr. Blanchard made the motion, seconded by Mr. Falks, to create Battalion Chief positions and allocate the funds.

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

Secretary to the Board of Commissioners announced the term for the Governing Authority member on the Civil Service Board would expire in January of 2023. A discussion was held.

Mr. Blevins made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, to reappoint Mr. John Howard Bonaventure as the Governing Authority member on the Civil Service Board, term to expire January of 2026.

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

Vice Chairman Easley announced Chairman Robert Dugas' term on the Board of Commissioners expires January of 2023. A discussion was held.

Mr. Falks made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, to reappoint Mr. Robert Dugas as the Board Chairman and at large member. Term will expire January 2025.

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

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

- Chief Wascom announced we will be working with Louisiana House of Representatives Clay Schexnayder to obtain funding for a drill field.
- Deputy Chief Jackson presented the response statistics for LPFPD4's total of 652 calls in November 2022.

- Training/Safety Officer Keesler Fly announced the High School Fire Training Program had three students test and pass Firefighter I.
- Fire Prevention Officer Matt Gallman advised inspections for the year are complete and not expecting any outstanding violations.

There being no further business before the board, Mr. Falks made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

Ayes: Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Blevins, Mr. Easley, and Mr. Falks

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Dugas



Jeffrey Easley, Vice Chairman