

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

February 19, 2024

Chairman Dugas called the Regular Board 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.

Chairman Dugas called the roll with the following members present: Mr. Joseph Blanchard, Mr. Robert Dugas, Mr. Jeff Easley, and Mr. Leslie Falks. Mr. Darren Blevins was absent. Chief Wascom, Mr. Trey Sanders, Mrs. Petra Easley, 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 was no public comment made.

Mr. Falks made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, to adopt the minutes of the January 15, 2024 Board Meeting.

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

The January 2024 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.

Chairman Dugas gave the Engineers Report in the absence of Quality Engineering & Surveying, LLC. The Master Service Agreement for the architect will be turned over the LPFPD4's attorney to review.

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

Chairman Dugas announced the three Board member were up for reappointment by their appointing authority.

Mr. Easley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Falks, to ratify The Village of Port Vincent's reappointment of Mr. Joseph Blanchard for another 2-year term on LPFPD4's Board of Commissioners.

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

Mr. Easley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, to ratify The Livingston Parish Council's reappointment of Mr. Leslie Falks for another 2-year term on LPFPD4's Board of Commissioners.

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

Mr. Easley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Falks, to ratify The City of Walker's Council reappointment of Mr. Darren Blevins for another 2-year term on LPFPD4's Board of Commissioners.

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

All three terms beginning January of 2024 and expiring January 1, 2026.

Chief Wascom advised Ward 2 Water District has contacted for permission to erect a radio tower on the District's Station 6 location at 13215 Arnold Road, Walker, LA 70785. LPFPD4 would be granted tower space for antennas. A discussion was held.

Mr. Blanchard made the motion, seconded by Mr. Falks, to authorize Chief Wascom to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Ward 2 Water District to erect a radio tower at 13215 Arnold Road, providing the district's attorney approves the language.

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

Chief Wascom advised the bid opening for the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) was February 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. the district received one bid from Casco Industries, Inc. for the amount of \$246,292.00. The bid amount included twenty-five air packs, fifty cylinders, and all other specification listed per the Bid Advertisement.

Mr. Blanchard made the motion, seconded by Mr. Falks, to accept the bid of \$246,292.00 from Casco Industries, Inc.

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

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

- Chief Wascom advised the Board on information obtained from US Fire Apparatus. The HME Chassis is around \$940,000 with equipment. He is also checking into possibly ordering from HGAC. More information will be presented to the Board when obtained.
- Deputy Chief Jackson presented the response statistics for LPFPD4's total of 604 calls in January.
- The 2023 year-end Training Report was presented to the Board via Dropbox.
- Mr. Blanchard wanted to publicly comment on the professionalize he has witnessed on emergency incidents with LPFPD4 members recently.

There being no further business before the board, Mr. Blanchard made the motion, seconded by Mr. Easley to adjourn at 6:28 p.m.

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


 Robert Dugas, Chairman