

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 15, 2024**

Chairman Dugas called the Public Hearing 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. Joseph Blanchard, Mr. Darren Blevins, Mr. Robert Dugas, Mr. Jeff Easley and Mr. Leslie Falks. Chief James T. Wascom, Deputy Chief Trey Jackson, Ms. Tasha Killcrease, Mr. Trey Sanders, Mr. Jay LeBlanc, several LPFPD4 members, and several citizens of LPFPD4's protection area were also present.

Chairman Dugas announced opening the floor to discuss levying the 10 Millage 2024 rate. Several citizens in the audience addressed the Board.

A discussion was held. Members of the audience: Mrs. Adrienne Bordelon, Mr. Lawrence Martin, Mr. Jamie Sandefur, Mr. Bob Seal and Ms. Chandra White all addressed the Board with their concerns and opposing LPFPD4 rolling forward to the maximum authorized rate.

Chairman Dugas announced opening the floor to discuss levying the 15 Millage 2024 rate.

A discussion was held, several citizens in the audience addressed the Board with same concerns.

With no further public comments made, Mr. Easley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Falks to close the public hearing.

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

Public Hearing adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Chairman Dugas called the Regular July Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:22 p.m.

Chairman Dugas called the roll with the following members present: Mr. Joseph Blanchard, Mr. Darren Blevins, Mr. Robert Dugas, Mr. Jeff Easley and Mr. Leslie Falks. Chief James T. Wascom, Deputy Chief Trey Jackson, Ms. Tasha Killcrease, Mr. Trey Sanders, Mr. Jay LeBlanc, several LPFPD4 members, and several citizens of LPFPD4's protection area were also present.

Mr. Trey Sanders with Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP reviewed the June 2024 Financial Report 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. A discussion was held.

Mr. Blanchard made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blevins, to adopt the minutes of the June 17, 2024 Board Meeting.

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

Mr. Jay LeBlanc with Quality Engineering & Surveying, LLC advised that the communication with LPPFD4’s attorney is going well. They are currently working on finalizing the two engineer MSA’s; the three architect MSA’s have been approved by LPPFD4’s attorney and signed by the Fire Chief.

Chairman Dugas announced the first order of new business item a) is to adopt the adjusted 2024 Millage Rate. Board Secretary Tasha Killcrease read aloud the Resolution 24-002 (Adopt the adjusted 2024 millage rates)

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Livingston Parish Fire Protection District 4 of the Parish of Livingston, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on July 15, 2024 which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2024, for the purpose of raising revenue:

| | <u>MILLAGES</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Acquisitions & Maintenance | 7.31 Mills |
| Acquisitions & Maintenance | 10.96 Mills |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Livingston, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2024 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law. The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Mr. Joseph Blanchard, Mr. Darren Blevins, Mr. Jeff Easley, Mr. Leslie Falks, and Mr. Robert Dugas

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

Chairman Dugas announced item b) is to set forth the adjusted 2024 Millage rates and roll forward to millage rates not exceeding the maximum authorized rates. A discussion was held.

Mr. Easley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, to roll forward the 10.96 adjusted millage rate to 12.5 Mills; not exceeding the maximum authorized rate of 15 Mills.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Mr. Blevins made the motion, seconded by Mr. Falks, to roll forward the 7.31 adjusted millage rate to 9.0 Mills; not exceeding the maximum authorized rate of 10 Mills.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Board Secretary Tasha Killcrease read aloud the Resolution 24-003 (Set forth the adjusted 2024 millage rates and roll forward)

LPPFD4 RESOLUTION NO. 24-003

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Livingston Parish Fire Protection District 4 of the Parish of Livingston, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on July 15, 2024, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted

to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2024, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

| | <u>Adjusted Rate</u> | <u>Levy</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Acquisitions & Maintenance | 7.31 Mills | 9.00 Mills |
| Acquisitions & Maintenance | 10.96 Mills | 12.50 Mills |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Livingston, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2024 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

YEAS: Mr. Joseph Blanchard, Mr. Darren Blevins, Mr. Jeff Easley, Mr. Leslie Falks, and Mr. Robert Dugas

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

There being no further new business to discuss, the Board moved on to Chief's and Commissioners reports.

Chief Wascom advised the bid opening for the extrication equipment will be 9:00 a.m. on August 19, 2024. The apparatus specifications bid will be two separate bids: one for an engine and one for the equipment for the engine. LPFPD4 is preparing for the bid opening to be September 16, 2024.

Chief Wascom advised the Board, the 2nd quarter reports for Fire Prevention, Maintenance, Operations, and Training were in dropbox for the Board to view at their leisure.

Commissioner Blevins addressed the citizens in the audience, thanking them for their attendance and voicing their opinions. Mr. Blevins advised the Board tried to give as much back as possible by not rolling forward to the maximum while still fulfilling the district's obligations and meeting the needs of the citizens of LPFPD4's protection area. All Board members were in agreeance with this statement.

There being no further business before the board, Mr. Falks made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None


Robert Dugas, Chairman