

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

9760 Florida Blvd, Walker LA 70785 (Headquarters)

September 15, 2025

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, and Mr. Leslie Falks. Mr. Darren Blevins and Mr. Shane Hernandez were absent. Chief James T. Wascom, Deputy Chief Trey Jackson, Mr. Trey Sanders, Mr. Jay LeBlanc, and several LPFPD4 members were also present.

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 August 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Mr. Shane Hernandez joined the meeting at 6:02 pm.

Mr. Trey Sanders with Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP reviewed the August 2025 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.

Mr. Jay LeBlanc with Quality Engineering & Surveying, LLC presented pictures and video of Station 11 construction progress. Mr. LeBlanc also advised the board of 9 bids submitted for Station 7's renovations. He explained to the Board there was an error on the bid documents for electronic bidding.

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

Chief Wascom invited Justin Blythe to discuss the District's radio equipment issues. Mr. Blythe explained to the Board the majority of the District's radios are either outdated or irreparable, which creates the need for new radios. Mr. Blythe advised the radios are on state contract and suggested purchasing 5 this year.

A discussion was held on the remaining amount in the radio equipment budget. Mr. Trey Sanders announced \$93,000.00 remaining in the 2025 budget.

Mr. Blanchard made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to authorize Chief Wascom to purchase 9 radios at this time.

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

Chief Wascom advised the Board of Station 7's current property of 0.53 acres is not sufficient for the sprinkler system. Mrs. Mandy Baham is willing to sell 0.20 acres to extend our property on the northside. The appraised value of the property is \$26,000.

Mr. Blanchard made the motion, seconded by Mr. Falks, to authorize Chief Wascom to purchase the 0.20 acres to the northside of Station 7 property (25110 Walker South Rd, Denham Springs, LA 70726) for \$26,000.00.

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

Chief Wascom advised the Board that the district's attorney reviewed the bid documents and state law for electronic bidding. The state law requires public entities to utilize electronic bidding and the district shall proceed with awarding the Station 7 renovation bid to the lowest bidder, whether in person or electronic.

The 7 bids submitted in person and 2 submitted online for Station 7 renovations are as follows:

- Sage Construction, LLC – \$1,618,934.00
- Blount General Contractors, LLC – \$1,655,000.00
- McLin Construction, LLC – \$1,787,000.00
- J. Reed Constructors, INC. – \$1,798,000.00
- Kelly Construction Group, LLC – \$1,811,000.00
- J.W. Grand, LLC – \$1,957,300.00
- Sieverding Construction, INC. – \$2,027,974.00
- NRK Construction, LLC – \$2,339,680.00
- Centurion Construction Management, LLC – \$2,500,000.00

Mr. Blanchard made the motion, seconded by Mr. Falks, to accept the lowest bid of \$1,618,934.00 submitted by Sage Construction, LLC for the renovation of Station 7.

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

Chief Wascom advised he found temporary living quarters for Station 7 during construction. It's a 2-bedroom, 1 bathroom, 12x40 mobile home for \$23,000.00.

Mr. Falks made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, to authorize Chief Wascom to purchase a mobile home to provide temporary living quarters for Station 7 personnel during the renovation phase.

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

Chairman Dugas announced the Board would need to call for a public hearing for the 2025 amended budget and 2026 proposed budget.

Mr. Hernandez made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, to call for a public hearing on the 2025 amended budget and 2026 proposed budget to be held at 6:00 p.m. on November 17, 2025, with the regular board meeting to immediately follow.

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

The Board moved on to Chief's and Commissioner's reports.

- Chief Wascom advised the district is in the process of closing in and gating the carport on the property being leased for Station 7 temporary living quarters.
- Deputy Chief Jackson advised all 6 Academy Recruits now have Hazardous Awareness and Operations. Approximately half of the High School Students have completed Hazardous Awareness and are working on Hazardous Operations. He also presented the response statistics for LPFPD4's total of 591 calls in August.

There being no further business before the board, Mr. Falks made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

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



Robert Dugas, Chairman