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Public Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
July 8, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Called To Order:
Chairman Danny Hall called the meeting to order on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call:
Danny Hall, Leo Casanave, Raymond Batiste, Mike Ricks, and Adam Jacks were present.

Chief Geissler and Assistant Chief May were present representing the Fire Department.

Chad Danenhower and Mark Waniewski were present with PMI.

Mr. Hall stated that he would like to amend the agenda to combine number 6 and 7 under new business and to table number 9. Mr. Batiste made a motion to amend the agenda as above. Mr. Ricks seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Secretary Minutes:
Approve minutes of June 10, 2026 regular public meeting.
Mr. Ricks made a motion to approve the minutes of June 10, 2026. Mr. Jacks seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Employee Recognition:
Chief Geissler would like to recognize the following employees.

Anniversaries:
E. Jacks – 6/23 = 2 years
G. Toups - 6/4 = 7 years
S. Marquette – 6/19 = 3 years
D. Rousseau – 6/1 = 2 years
M. Lindgren – 6/17 = 2 years
C. Marshall – 6/17 = 2 years
I. Jones – 6/17 = 2 years
S. Batuk – 6/20 = 1 year

New Hires:
J. Farges - 6/8 part time
R. Howard – 6/8 = part time
M. Doyle – 6/11 = part time

Treasurer Report:
Mr. Batiste stated that the operating account opened with $594,785.85 and ended with $538,797.48 with $1191.53 interest earned.
The money market account opened with $1,024,096.33 and ended with $610,798.23 with $1701.90 interest earned.
The sinking fund opened with $1527.71 and ended with $1531.13 with $3.42 interest earned.
Mr. Ricks made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Mr. Jacks seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:
Chief Geissler stated that there were 140 calls for June and of those 118 were medical responses. Year to date is 993 calls. Last month the department was able to handle 99.51% with both med units up and handled 100% of EMS calls with 0 mutual aid received. There were 9 mutual aids given, 2 to Fire District 1 for medicals, 3 to Fire District 4 for medicals, and 4 to Fire District 7 for medicals. Just a reminder that we do have temporary agreements with District 4 and District 7. District 4 has a station under reconstruction and District 7 has a bridge repair.

Chief Geissler stated that some of the Opioid grant items have been received. A mannequin purchased for $24,000.00, an AED trainer, some CPR dummies, and visual laryngoscopes which will allow them to see everything on camera. Chief Geissler has received approval from the Parish to make the next round of purchases, which will be a new life pak monitor which is upwards of $70,000.00. The current monitors are becoming more costly on maintenance.

Chief Geissler stated that the id printer is fixed and he is in the process of getting all employees new id's. He has added a QR code to the id which will pull up the employee's credentials.

Chief Geissler stated that around the 1st, there was a drowning on Lake Rd. He wanted to acknowledge that the guys on duty did a fantastic job and got in the water as quickly and as safely as they could. District 1, Slidell, provided a couple of apparatus, a boat, as well as the Sheriff's office and their rapid diver equipment was essential for helping the victim. He is appreciative to Slidell and the Sheriff's office for providing those assets. Chief stated that the department intends to place additional life jackets on apparatus and that a local business may be donating in the future.

Chief May stated that the monthly night drill at Station 32 was Mayday operations and a majority of employees completed drill tower training. Henrickson passed Fire Instructor I. A crew spoke at the college for career day which went very well.

The department had a tent at the VFW Farmer's market, a crew was set up for the fish and crabbing event on Lake Rd. A med unit was on standby the day of and was incident free.

Mr. Hall asked Chief May about the annual leave. Chief May stated that there are four employees slightly over 300 hours. Three of them already have leave scheduled for July and August. One employee we can't force to take leave or buy back because he is out on extended sick leave.

Hearts on Fire:
Nothing to report.

Old Business:
1) Strategic Planning.
Chief Geissler stated that he was going to focus on Capital improvements specifically apparatus replacement. Chief stated that the committee, which included Chief Geissler, Assistant Chief May, Commissioner Ricks, and Captain Jim McQuilkin, met with US Fire Pump and toured the facility. There were no issues of the manufacture or six months turn around. They decided to purchase two apparatus from US Fire Pump as follows:

1- A 3,000-gallon combination pumper/tanker, to be housed at Station 31, with the current apparatus moving to Station 32.

2- A four-door commercial plumper, with a 1,000-gallon tank, to be assigned to Station 33 and equipped with rescue equipment due to its location near the interstate.

Chief Geissler stated that he hopes to receive the new apparatus in early 2027. He also stated that the purchases are within budget and may leave approximately $110,000 to $120,000 available for potential modifications to Station 32.

Chief stated that Rescue 33 which is a 42-year-old apparatus had been officially taken out of service due to age and safety concerns. Rescue 31 will eventually move into reserve status, Rescue 32 will become the primary rescue at Station 31, and the new pumper at Station 33 will carry rescue equipment.

2) 2026-023: BOC Resolution (Approve Rejection/Denial of EMS Debt Forgiveness Request) – Record keeping.
This resolution is related to a prior request for debt forgiveness which was denied due to lack of information. No action is required.

New Business:
1) 2026-025: BOC Resolution (Approve CSB Education Appointee).
The BOC wishes to re-appoint Samantha Osbon as the educational nominee to the Civil Service Board for District No. 3 effective August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2029.
Mr. Batiste made a motion to accept Resolution 2026-025. Mr. Casanave seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

2) 2026-024: BOC Resolution (Approve CSB BOC Appointee)
The BOC wishes to appoint Timothy J. Moreau as the Board nominee to the Civil Service Board for the District No 3 effective July 8, 2026 through July 31, 2028. Mr. Ricks made a motion to accept Resolution 2026-024. Mr. Batiste second. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Ms. Osbon and Mr. Moreau were sworn in and signed the required oaths.

3) Financial assistance.
At the June 10th meeting, Mr. Ricks and Mr. Jacks were asked to evaluate the program and make recommendations. Mr. Ricks stated that they reviewed the process for how debts are collected and discussed with the Board. Mr. Jacks made a motion to remove any previous financial assistance program created by prior resolutions and to discontinue the department's financial assistance program moving forward. Mr. Batiste seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

4) Fire Chief Evaluation (01/01 – 06/30 2026 Mid-year review)
The Board discussed the Fire Chief's evaluation for the first half of 2026. This evaluation will be due by August 7, 2026. No action required.

5) 2026-026: BOC Resolution (Approve Authorization to Maintain Parcel of Land)
Mr. Hall stated that the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the District, its employees, citizens and taxpayers to implement a program and procedure to authorize the District to maintain a parcel of land directly in front of the Administration Building (triangle of land bordered by: Hwy 190, Main Street & N. j8th St.) for District No. 3. Mr. Batiste made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-026. Mr. Casanave seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

6) and 7) combined. 2026-027: BOC Resolution (Approve AFC Signature Authority)
The Board finds that it is in the best interest of the District, its employees, citizens and taxpayers to implement a program and procedure to approve the authorization of signature authority for all financial services for Assistant Fire Chief (AFC) Marc May with a spending limit not to exceed $20,000.00 for District No. 3. Mr. Hall stated that this is to also authorize Chief May a credit card. Mr. Ricks made a motion to accept Resolution 2026-027. Mr. Batiste seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

8) Surplus vehicles.
Chief Geissler stated that with the purchase of two new vehicles, the department has three vehicles that he would like to surplus. They will not be sold until the new vehicles are received. He would like to start the process with Brindlee Mountain who works closely with U. S. Fire Pump to assist with the sale. The average process with Brindlee Mountain may take approximately eight to nine months. They have given an estimate on what those three vehicles should be sold for. He would like approval to surplus Rescue 33, Reserve Engine 35 and Tanker 32.

The estimated values provided were approximately $20,000.00 for Rescue 33 and $50,000.00 each for the other two apparatus. The sales are as-is with no warranty.
Mr. Leo made a motion to approve. Mr. Batiste seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

9) tabled

10) Moving the date for the November 11th BOC meeting. Mr. Hall stated that if the date is changed to have it close to the November 11th date. Mr. Casanave made a motion to move the meeting date to November 10, 2026. Mr. Batiste seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Ricks made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Batiste seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.