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Public Meeting of the Board of Commissioners August 12, 2026 *Meeting Minutes*

Called To Order:

Chairman Danny Hall called the meeting to order on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 5:03 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Mr. Hall read the rules of conduct.

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.

Secretary Minutes:

Approve the minutes of July 8, 2026

Mr. Casanave made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2026, meeting. Mr. Ricks seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Employee Recognition:

Chief Geissler would like to recognize the following employees.

Anniversaries:

FF, Albrektson – 7/1

Paramedic, C. Johnson – 7/1 = 2 years

FF, A. Olson – 7/14 = 1 year

Captain M. Guillot – 7/20 = 17 years

New Hires:

J. Pyke was hired as part time firefighter/emt on 6/10/2026 but will change to full time on 8/24/2026.

Treasurer Report:

Mr. Batiste stated that the operating account opened with \$538,797.48 and ended with \$733,659.63 with \$1418.05 interest earned.

The sinking fund opened with \$1531.13 and ended with \$1534.65 with \$3.52 interest earned.
The Money Market account opened with \$610,798.23 and ended with \$41,537.53 with \$739.30 interest earned.
The Bond account opened with \$5259.24 and ended with \$5271.34 with \$12.10 interest earned.
The certificate of Deposit/Treasury Bill's total \$2,550,700.68 with a total checking and savings as \$3,310,954.19.
Mr. Casanave made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Mr. Ricks seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:

Chief Geissler stated that there were 166 calls for July and of those 110 were medical responses. Year to date is 1069 calls. Last month the department was able to handle 99.9% with both med units up and handled 98.8% of EMS calls with 3 mutual aids received. There were 4 mutual aids given.

Chief May stated that the FETA training was searchable and survivable. Most employees have completed drill tower training at District 1 and District 11.

The department participated in the Back to School Bash at Bayou Lacombe Middle School and the department hosted the Blood drive held here last Saturday and there were 30 donors. Chief Geissler stated that the department tries to partner with the Bayou Lacombe Cardinals football team, the Rotary club of Lacombe, and the Blood center. There was food donated from Blue Bell Ice cream, everyone that donated was given a pint of ice cream, food, hot dogs and hamburgers were also given away.

Hearts on Fire:

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Mr. Hall stated that he will deal with the first three together. There were three actions approved at the last meeting which were the following resolutions.

Resolution 2026-028: BOC Resolution (Approve Removal of Financial Assistance Program)

Resolution 2026-029: BOC Resolution (Approve Surplus of Three (3) Apparatus Deemed ("of value"))

Resolution 2026-030: BOC Resolution (Approve BOC November Special meeting) simply to move regular meeting which was scheduled on a holiday.

These require no action.

4) Office of Deb recovery. Mr. Hall stated that as of August 1, there were 546 accounts submitted to the Louisiana Office of Debt recovery. Those accounts have a value of \$321,707.00, of those 546 accounts, they have determined that 37 are deceased. Of those deceased accounts, that totaled to \$24,411.00 and no further action will be taken on those accounts.

Of the 546 accounts, \$2242.00 has been recovered as of August 1st. Of the 546 accounts, there was \$295,054.00 pending recovery with the state.

There are 62 accounts that are coming due this Friday on their 60 days and will be scheduled to go to the office of debt recovery on September 15th. The value of these 62 accounts is \$53,557.00.

Mr. Batiste made a motion to amend the agenda to add a line item to track ODR. Mr. Ricks seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Ricks made a motion to add a new line item for ODR receipts. Mr. Batiste seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried. (this will be resolution 2026-033 next meeting)

New Business:

1) Department Medical Insurance. Chief Geissler stated that he met with Massid Olinde, our insurance representative, last week. The medical benefits have gone up. He looked at different options and with the current plan with 12 employees, the cost would go up by about \$30,000.00. Options for the employees to take on full burden, to take on 50% of the burden and the department take on all burden. Chief Geissler would like the department to take on this increase and to not affect the employees. Mr. Hall agreed that the department pay the total \$30,000.00. Mr. Batiste made a motion to freeze employee contributions for the next 12 months. Mr. Ricks seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried. (this will be resolution 2026-034 next meeting)

2) Increase credit card spending limit.

Mr. Hall stated that at the last months meeting, the board approved Chief May to have a credit card and that both Chief's have the same spending limit. The credit limit was actually \$20,000.00 which did not give each Chief the \$20,000.00 each that was voted on. The Board would like to raise the credit limit to \$40,000.00 giving Chief Geissler a \$20,000.00 spending limit and Assistant Chief May a \$20,000.00 spending limit.

Mr. Ricks made a motion to increase the credit card combined limit to \$40,000.00 giving each Chief \$20,000.00 spending limit. Mr. Batiste seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried. (Resolution 2026-035 will amend Resolution 2026-027).

3) 2026-031: BOC Resolution (Approve Workers' Compensation Insurance – LWCC)

Mr. Waniewski stated that this was a flat renewal. Mr. Ricks made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-031. Mr. Casanave seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

4) 2026-032: BOC Resolution (Approve Financial Services Institution – Hancock Whitney Bank)

Mr. Hall stated that this contract is for two years. Mr. Batiste made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-032. Mr. Casanave seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

5) Fire Chief Evaluation (01/01 – 06/30/2026 Mid-year Review). Mr. Waniewski stated that all were received but it has not been in a composite rating yet. He recommends that this be done at executive session at the next board meeting so the commissioners will have the opportunity to speak directly to the Chief for his first mid-year evaluation. No action needed.

6) 2027-2028 budget forecast.

Discussion took place of property taxes that the district will be losing. Discussion of the Act 514 took place.

Chief Geissler stated that he would like to add an update on the new apparatus under the Chief's report. He stated that in two weeks he and Assistant Chief May will meet with US Fire apparatus to finalize all of the specs on the two apparatuses that the department is purchasing. He handed out some schematics on both trucks.

Chief Geissler stated that he has also received some reports back from the land studies at station 32. He has those available if the commissioners would like to see. He is waiting on flood elevation surveys.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.