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Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

May 11, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Called To Order:

Vice Chairman Murphy Arsenaux called the meeting to order on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 6:15 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Murphy Arsenaux, Leo Casanave, Raymond Batiste, and Jeanne Hutchison are present. Danny MacGregor was absent.

Chad Danenhower was present.

Secretary Minutes:

Approve minutes of April 13, 2022.

Mr. Casanave made a motion to approve the minutes from April 13, 2022 regular meeting. Mrs. Hutchison seconded. A vote was taken.

Motion carries.

Treasurer Report:

The Operating Account opened with \$1,772,244.04, credits of \$126,228.26, debits of \$148,830.11, interest paid \$2188.71, with an ending balance of \$1,751,830.90.

The Allocated Account opened with \$103,641.89, interest paid \$127.78, with an ending balance of \$103,769.67.

The Capital Asset Account opened with \$42,748.35, interest paid \$1.05, ending balance of \$42,749.40.

The Sinking Fund Account opened with \$1500.64, interest paid 0.04, with an ending balance of \$1500.68.

Line items were discussed in the financial statement and supplementary information. All seem in line for the year.

Mr. Casanave made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Mr. Batiste seconded. A vote was taken.

Motion carries.

Chief's Report:

- 1) YTD incidents. Chief Sicard stated that year to date – Total call volume 696, 521 EMS
- 2) Monthly Incidents. April ended with 126 EMS calls, 40 Non-EMS with a total of 166 calls for April.
- 3) ITG summary – Tracy Wold has sent a summary in the packets on everything he is working on to include training on May 23-25 to teach EMS training for appropriate documentation.

Mr. Batiste made a motion to accept the Chief's report. Mrs. Hutchison seconded. A vote was taken.

Motion carries.

Assistant Chief's Report:

- 1) Update on Firehouse Subs Grant. Assistant Chief Geissler gave final update on the Firehouse Subs grant. Cutters, Spreaders, Rams, batteries, charger banks have all been received.
- 2) Fire Signs. The Department worked with The Louisiana Department of Forestry and Agriculture, they delivered four Smokey Bear fire signs to the Department which will be at each station to notify the public of potential fire hazards. Also, wild land hose and nozzles have been purchased in case of a woods fire.
- 3) Training update. There is a part time employee working on his Paramedic training. Our full time employee, Robert Jacob is currently going through Firefighter school and finishing his Paramedic courses. Colby Lucia, a fulltime employee, is currently going through EMT school with a couple of months left.

Mr. Batiste made a motion to accept the Assistant Chief report. Mr. Casanave seconded. A vote was taken.

Motion carries.

New Business:

- 1) Ambulance Rate Change. Chief Sicard stated that this can be voted on next month. He has spoken with Scott Shurley with Insight billing to increase the ambulance rates. Based on his other clients, Mr. Shurley recommends the BLS rate go to \$1000.00, the ALS 1 would go up to \$1500.00, ALS 2 would go to \$2000.00. Loaded miles would go to \$25.00 per mile.

PMI report:

A. 2022-013: BOC Resolution (Approve Professional Service – Legal Services). This Resolution pertains to retaining Chad Danenhower as Special Counsel. Mr. Danenhower stated that the contract is for \$175.00 per hour, his maximum permitted by State is \$200.00 per hour. There is a max out of \$20,000.00. This contract is for one year and he can be terminated at any time. Mr. Casanave made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-013. Mr. Batiste seconded. A vote was taken.

Motion carries.

B. 2022-014: BOC Resolution (Approve IGT Strategies 2022 Funding). Relating to the Approval of 2022 IGT Payments for the UPL Program Reimbursements for District No.3. Mr. Batiste made a motion to accept Resolution 2022-014. Mrs. Hutchison seconded. A vote was taken.

Motion carries.

LWCC. – Mr. Danenhower stated that there a proposed Legislation change that is looking to amend the current presumption for Worker’s Comp for cancer for any retiree for up to 15 years depending on length of service. It is currently up to five years. LWCC stated that it would be around a 50% increase in premiums if passed.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Hutchison made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Batiste seconded. A vote was taken.

Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11.