



FIRE CHIEF J.T. WALLACE, JR.

**BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 MINUTES**

**TIME OF MEETING – 3:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Barnette called the regular scheduled public meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order. Chief Turner called roll as follows:

**ROLL CALL:** Board members **PRESENT** – Johnny Barnette, Jason McGinty, Sammy Halphen, Stephanie Collier, and Jay Valentine

Board members **ABSENT** – NONE

Others **PRESENT** – Fire Chief JT Wallace Jr., Tim Turner, Hurmon Gibson, Chris Faulk, Jacob Maddox, and Jonathan Davis

The public meeting was held in the Board Room of the Bossier Parish EMS and Fire Complex, located at 5275 Swan Lake Road, Bossier City, Louisiana 71111.

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Jay Valentine

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 19, 2022 BOC MEETING**

*Questions/Discussion about BOC minutes from July 19, 2022 --- NONE*

*NOTE: The August BOC meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum*

**MOTION** was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by STEPHANIE COLLIER to accept and approve the written minutes for the meeting held on July 19, 2022.

Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



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APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIALS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

*Questions/Discussion about Financials through September 16, 2022: ---- NONE*

**MOTION** was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by JAY VALENTINE to approve of the financials through September 16, 2022. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously

**OLD BUSINESS**

UPDATE: STATION 3 CONSTRUCTION

*Chief Wallace reported that the district received the building plans, construction should start soon, and the price has decreased to just under \$1,100,000.00 for the new station 3 construction.*

UPDATE: SCBA PURCHASE

*Chief Wallace reported that almost all of the new SCBAs have been received, the only equipment we are waiting on is delivery of some of the face masks. Once the face masks are received the new SCBAs will be put in service. Training on the new SCBAs has been completed with all fire department personnel.*

UPDATE: FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

*Chief Wallace reported that the Louisiana State Fire Marshals Office has recognized the district as having a Fire Prevention Bureau.*



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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SCBA – DECLARE SALVAGE**

*The board was presented with a list the current inventory of Honeywell SCBA to declare salvage once all of the new SCBA are in service. The Honeywell SCBA will be donated to neighboring fire districts who currently use the same type of SCBA.*

**MOTION** was made by JAY VALENTINE and seconded by SAMMY HALPHEN to declare the SCBA listed as salvage. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously

### **DISCUSS 2023 BUDGET**

*Chief Turner presented the board with a list of potential increases in 2023 budget. LWCC will likely increase when the payroll audit is done due to the extra pay period for the firefighters that occurred this year. The amount of the districts contributions to the pension fund will increase mainly due to the 2-mill tax increase. Medical insurance may increase four to six percent as it has done in previous years.*

### **CIVIL SERVICE/INTERNAL PERSONNEL ACTION FORM(S)**

*Civil Service/Internal Personnel Action Forms were made available for all board members to review. The PA forms included: Yvonne Aldrich – Sick Leave*

**MOTION** was made by JASON MCGINTY and seconded by STEPHANIE COLLIER to approve the Civil Service/Internal PA forms as written. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by STEPHANIE COLLIER to adjourn. Chairman Barnette called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.