

Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Date: February 15th, 2023
Time: 11:00 am
Location: 28911 Krentel Rd. Lacombe, LA 70445

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:03am.

A roll call was ordered by the Chairman, report as follows:

Present: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Gene Bellisario, Jake Airey, James Davis, Bret Ibert, Michael Ferrell

Absent: Gene Bellisario

A quorum was present.

Other Attendees: Rodney Hart, Sean Spanel, Stephanie Boykin, Athena Walker

John Evans welcomes Chief Michael Ferrell to the Board.

John Evans congratulates Jake Airey on being Parish Council President.

1. Consider Approval of January 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Merrick Tassin to approve January 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Support: Seconded by James Davis.

Ayes: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Jake Airey, James Davis, Bret Ibert, Michael Ferrell

Absent: Gene Bellisario

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Chairman asked for any further discussion or public comment, no response.

2. Consider Approval of January 2023 Financial Reports

Motion: A motion was made by Merrick Tassin to approve January 2023 Financial Reports.

Support: Michael Ferrell

Ayes: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Jake Airey, James Davis, Bret Ibert, Michael Ferrell

Absent: Gene Bellisario

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Chairman asked for any further discussion or public comment, no response.

3. Consider Approval of January 2023 Financial Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Merrick Tassin to approve January 2023 Financial Meeting Minutes.

Support: Jake Airey
Ayes: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Jake Airey, James Davis, Bret Ibert, Michael Ferrell
Absent: Gene Bellisario
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

Chairman asked for any further discussion or public comment, no response.

4. Approval of Resolution #23-0215-01 Adopting the Fire Dispatch Contract

John Evans thanks Merrick Tassin on his efforts.

Merrick Tassin responds that it was a team effort.

Motion: A motion was made by Merrick Tassin to approve Resolution #23-0215-01 Adopting the Fire Dispatch Contract.

Support: Michael Ferrell

ROLL CALL

Ayes: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Jake Airey, James Davis, Bret Ibert, Michael Ferrell
Absent: Gene Bellisario
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

Chairman asked for any further discussion or public comment, no response.

5. Approval of Resolution #23-0215-02 Removing Randy Fandal from Banking Authorization

Motion: A motion was made by James Davis to approve Resolution #23-0215-02 Removing Randy Fandal from Banking Authorization

Support: Bret Ibert

ROLL CALL

Ayes: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Jake Airey, James Davis, Bret Ibert, Michael Ferrell
Absent: Gene Bellisario
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

Chairman asked for any further discussion or public comment, no response.

6. Approval of Resolution #23-0215-03 Adding Michael Ferrell to Banking Authorization

Motion: A motion was made by Merrick Tassin to approve Resolution #23-0215-03 Adding Michael Ferrell to Banking Authorization

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Support: Jake Airey

ROLL CALL

Ayes: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Jake Airey, James Davis, Bret Ibert, Michael Ferrell

Absent: Gene Bellisario

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Chairman asked for any further discussion or public comment, no response.

7. Complete Remaining Committee Appointments for 2023

- Finance Committee: Gene Bellisario – Chairman, Merrick Tassin – Vice Chairman, Bret Ibert
- Personnel Committee: Bret Ibert – Chairman, Gene Bellisario, James Davis
- By Laws Committee: Michael Ferrell, James Davis, Jake Airey

John Evans suggests that the Building Committee be discontinued.

Rodney Hart informs the Board that future information will be sent to everyone.

General Discussion Follows

8. Public Education

Athena Walker presents the Public Education report.

- Continue preparation for TC Week, the second week of April
- Safe Sitter Classes
- Girl/Guy Talks
- Attending Schools for Career Days
- Upcoming training for Telecommunicators

Merrick Tassin asks Athena if she teaches CPR.

Athena Walker informs the Board that she is not a teacher but can assist in training.

9. Director's Report

Rodney Hart presented the January 2023 PSAP Call Statistics: 10,212 total 911 calls. All agencies met the 95% under 15 seconds. All agencies met requirement for 99% of calls answered in 40 seconds or less.

Merrick Tassin asks about Mandeville PD.

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Rodney Hart replies that Mandeville PD got the approval for funding to move the radio equipment.

General Discussion

Bret Ibert informs the Board that STPSO is close to finalizing the contract to take over Pearl River call taking.

General discussion

Rodney Hart presents the architectural designs for the Annex Facility.

Rodney Hart comments that the Board approved the first story of the facility with the potential of a second story. The architect made a few adjustments to include a staircase suggestions.

General Discussion

James Davis asks if the covered area is for vehicle parking and unloading trucks. James Davis also asks about area for larger vehicles entering and exiting.

Rodney Hart explains the fixed gates for larger vehicles.

General Discussion

John Evans what the next step.

Rodney Hart suggests that the Board approve the floor plan and the exterior of the building.

John Evans asks Merrick Tassin if he would make the motion

Motion: A motion was made by Merrick Tassin to proceed with the drawing that are in hand today dated 02/13/23.

Support: James Davis

ROLL CALL

Ayes: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Jake Airey, James Davis, Bret Ibert, Michael Ferrell

Absent: Gene Bellisario

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Chairman asked for any further discussion or public comment, no response.

10. Fire QA Report

Sean Spansel presents the January 2023 Fire District 1 Call Statistics. Calls answered under 10 seconds was 99.34% and calls answered under 40 seconds was 100%. Total 9-1-1 calls answered was 2,281. The call answer times were acceptable by PIAL/NFPA standards.

Chairman asked for any further discussion or public comment, no response.

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11. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Michael Ferrell to adjourn at 11:37am.

Support: Merrick Tassin

Ayes: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Jake Airey, James Davis, Bret Ibert, Michael Ferrell

Absent: Gene Bellisario

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Chairman asked for any further discussion or public comment, no response.