

Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Date: October 18, 2023
Time: 11:00 am
Location: 28911 Krentel Road Lacombe, LA 70445

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

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

Present: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Gene Bellisario, James Davis, Bret Ibert

Absent: Jake Airey, Michael Ferrell

A quorum was present.

Other Attendees: Rodney Hart, Ben Tsang, George Bonnett, Athena Walker, Bridget Battistella

John Evans asks if there are any changes, additions or deletions to the agenda.

1. Consider Approval of September 2023 Financial Reports

Motion: A motion was made by Gene Bellisario to approve September 2023 Financial Reports

Support: Seconded by Merrick Tassin.

Ayes: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Gene Bellisario, James Davis, Bret Ibert

Absent: Jake Airey, Michael Ferrell

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

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

2. Consider Approval of September 2023 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Gene Bellisario to approve September 2023 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

Support: James Davis

Ayes: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Gene Bellisario, James Davis, Bret Ibert

Absent: Jake Airey, Michael Ferrell

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

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

3. Consider Approval of the September 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Gene Bellisario to approve September 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Support: Bret Ibert

Ayes: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Gene Bellisario, James Davis, Bret Ibert

Absent: Jake Airey, Michael Ferrell

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

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

4. Public Education Report for September 2023

Athena Walker presents the continuation of public and private school presentations, driver's education, Girl and Guy Talks with St. Tammany Hospitals. Monster Mash will be this Saturday, October 21.

5. Review and Discuss 10 Year Revenue and Expense Projections

Gene Bellisario feels that everything looks good on the 10 year projections.

Merrick Tassin asks that the new building expense be removed from this year and added to 2024 for the Safe House.

Merrick Tassin notes that there is a note on page 3 of 4, designating \$400,000.00 for a tower in the future.

General Discussion

Motion: A motion was made by Gene Bellisario to approve the 10 Year Revenue and Expense Projections.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Support: Merrick Tassin.

Ayes: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Gene Bellisario, Randy Fandal, James Davis, Bret Ibert

Absent: Jake Airey, Michael Ferrell

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

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

6. Review, Discuss and Consider Approval of 2023 Amended Budget

Motion: A motion was made by Gene Bellisario to approve the 2023 Amended Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE

St. Tammany Parish Communications District

28911 Krentel Rd.

Lacombe, LA 70445

Telephone: 985-898-4911 Facsimile: 985-898-4974 Website: www.stp911.org

Support: James Davis

Ayes: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Gene Bellisario, Randy Fandal, James Davis, Bret Ibert

Absent: Jake Airey, Michael Ferrell

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

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

7. Review, Discuss and Consider Approval of 2024 Proposed Budget

Motion: A motion was made by Gene Bellisario to approve the 2024 Proposed Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Support: Bret Ibert.

Ayes: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Gene Bellisario, Randy Fandal, James Davis, Bret Ibert

Absent: Jake Airey, Michael Ferrell

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

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

8. Review, Discuss and Consider Approval of Updated PSAP Policies

Rodney Hart shares with the Board information from the four meetings held with PSAP supervisors.

Research was done on NFPA standards and APCO standards have been updated and changed. Our policy has been updated with this information.

Security policy was changed to be much more strict.

Exhibit A in our policy will be added to the individual agency's SOP's.

When it came to paying fees for breaking policies, all agencies had issues with it.

Steps were added to the PSAP contracts for chronic abusers of Security Policies, then it can be brought to the Board and the department head can present to the Board what they will do to correct the issue or explain the situation. At that time, the Board can decide to terminate their contract.

General Discussion Follows

Motion: A motion was made by James Davis to approve the Updated PSAP Policies.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Support: Bret Ibert.

Ayes: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Gene Bellisario, Randy Fandal, James Davis, Bret Ibert

Absent: Jake Airey, Michael Ferrell

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

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

9. Director's Report

Rodney Hart informs the Board that KVS is the architect for the new facility. They will be ready to complete the bid for the building next week.

General Discussion Follows

Rodney Hart presented the September 2023 PSAP Call Statistics: 9,807 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.

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

10. Fire QA Report

Bridget Battistella presented the September 2023 Fire District 1 Call Statistics. Calls answered under 10 seconds was 99.49% and calls answered under 20 seconds was 100%. Total 9-1-1 calls answered was 2,334. The call answer times were acceptable by PIAL/NFPA standards.

General discussion follows.

11. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Gene Bellisario at 11:38am to adjourn.

Support: James Davis.

Ayes: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Gene Bellisario, Randy Fandal, James Davis, Bret Ibert

Absent: Jake Airey, Michael Ferrell

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

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