**BOSSIER PARISH**

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #7**

718 W. Palmetto Avenue

Plain Dealing, LA 71064

318-326-5004

BOARD OF COMMISSION

April 12, 2023 at 4:00 PM

The meeting was called to order with a prayer.

**Section 1: Attendance:**

**Board Members Present:** Cindy Dodson, Dennis Hays, Lenora Green-Myers, Billy Don Slack and Richard McGuire.

**Absent:** None.

**District #7 Personnel Present:** Chief Wayne Weeks and Bookkeeper Brenda Smith

**Public Present:** Stacy Brown with Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau.

**Section 2: Reading of Previous Minutes from March 8, 2023:**

It was motioned by Cindy Dodson and seconded by Lenora Green-Myers to dispense with the reading of the minutes and that they be approved as presented. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

**Section 3: Financials for March 2023:**

It was motioned by Richard McGuire and seconded by Billy Don Slack to approve the financial report for March 2023, as presented. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

**Section 4:** **Old Business:**

None.

**Section 5: New Business:**

Stacy Brown with the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau requested that the Board approve placing a Byway Gateway sign on the northeast corner of the Central Station Property near Highway 2. It was motioned by Cindy Dodson and seconded by Lenora Green-Myers to approve placing the sign at the Central Station. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

The following resolution creating a Civil Service Board in Bossier Fire District #7 was offered by Cindy Dodson and seconded by Richard McGuire:

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-2**

**WHEREAS**, Acts No. 282 of 1964, codified as LSA-R.S. 33:2531 et seq, provides permanent appointments and promotions for paid firemen in the classified civil service in all fire protection districts;

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 33:2531 provides further that such appointments and promotions shall be made only after certification pursuant to a general system based upon merit, efficiency, and fitness under which certifications shall be based on examinations, and all employees in the classified service shall be employed from those eligible under such certification;

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 33:2535 creates, in the government of the fire protection district, a classified civil service embracing the positions of employment, the officers, and employees of the fire service in fire protection districts covered by Part III of Title 33, and that such classified civil service system shall be known as “The Fire and Police Civil Service”;

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 33:2536 (N) provides that the fire civil service board created in a fire protection district shall be composed of three members who shall serve without compensation;

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 33:2536 (B) provides for eligibility for appointment to the fire civil service board;

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 33:2536(C) provides that the first three members of the civil service board shall be appointed by the governing body of the municipality during the ninety day period immediately following the date that Part III of Title 33 takes effect, and provides further for the manner whereby each member of the fire civil service board shall be appointed;

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 33:2536(D) provides for the term of office for each member of the fire civil service board;

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 33:2536(I) provides that the governing body shall advise each appointee of his appointment and term of office as a member of the fire civil service board, and shall place an official record of the appointment in the official minutes of the governing body;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Bossier Parish Fire Protection District No. 7, Fire Board of Commissioners, in regular session duly convened on the 12th day of April, 2023, that the Bossier Parish Fire Protection District No.7, Civil Service Board shall be established, and three members shall be appointed to the Bossier Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 Civil Service Board in accordance with the provisions of LSA-R.S. 33:2531 et seq.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, there was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on April 12, 2023, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Plain Dealing, Louisiana, this 12th day of April 2023.

\_\_\_\_/s/ Dennis Hays\_\_

Board Chairman

It was motioned by Cindy Dodson and seconded by Lenora Green-Myers to approve renewing Workers’ Compensation Insurance with Louisiana Workers’ Compensation for a period of one year at the rate of $20,623.00.

The following resolution declaring surplus moveable property was offered by Cindy Dodson and seconded by Billy Don Slack:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-3

**DECLARATION OF SURPLUS MOVEABLE PROPERTY**

**AND AUTHORIZATION TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS**

**MOVEABLE PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS,** Bossier Parish Fire Protection District #7 is the owner of the following described moveable property, to wit:

ITEM MINIMUM BID

1968 Kaiser M35 Series 2 ½ ton brush truck VIN# 4D2980 $1000.00

1975 International Fire Truck VIN#D12222FG14618 $500.00

1994 Ford Ambulance VIN#1FMNU40P83EB95430 $500.00

1996 Ford Ambulance VIN#1FDKE30F4THB48217 $400.00

2003 Ford Excursion VIN#1FMNU40P83EB95430 $1500.00

**AND WHEREAS,** the above-described moveable property is surplus and/or scrap property and no longer needed for public purposes.

**BE IT RESOLVED,** the above-described property is declared to be surplus and/or scrap property and no longer needed for public purposes and that Bossier Parish Fire Protection District #7 Board of Commissioners through it’s designated authority is authorized to sell the above-described property in it’s current condition, as is, and Bossier Parish Fire Protection District #7 gives no warranty with respect to the usability of the property, by sealed bids after advertisement for bids as required by Louisiana Statute. The Bossier Parish Fire District #7 Board of Commissioners further authorizes Board Chairman Dennis Hays to execute all documents related to the sale of the above-described moveable property.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, and there was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/s/ Dennis Hays\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Board Chairman

It was motioned by Billy Don Slack and seconded by Richard McGuire to approve entering into an agreement with the Bossier Parish Police Jury to asphalt the parking lot at the Central Station. The Police Jury has agreed to provide all equipment and labor. The fire district will be responsible for the cost of the asphalt which is approximately $20,000.00. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

It was motioned by Billy Don Slack and seconded by Lenora Green-Meyers to approve repairing the frame on Tanker 1. The initial cost will be $4800.00 to remove and replace the tank and body. When the tank and body are removed we can get a quote to repair the frame. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

**Section 6: Adjournment:**

It was motioned by Billy Don Slack and seconded by Cindy Dodson that the Board Meeting be adjourned until May 10, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.