

**BOSSIER PARISH
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #7
718 W. Palmetto Avenue
Plain Dealing, LA 71064
318-326-5004**

BOARD OF COMMISSION

November 29, 2021 at 3:00 PM

The meeting was called to order with a prayer.

Section 1: Attendance:

Board Members Present: Eddie M. Scott, Billy Don Slack, Richard McGuire and Robert Taylor.

Absent: Gary Lyles

District #7 Personnel Present: Chief Wayne Weeks, FF Nick Bonner and Bookkeeper Brenda Smith.

Public Present: None.

Section 2: Reading of Previous Minutes from October 25, 2021:

It was motioned by Robert Taylor and seconded by Billy Don Slack that the minutes be approved. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

Section 3: Financials for November 2021:

It was motioned by Richard McGuire and seconded by Robert Taylor that the financial report for November 2021 be approved. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

Section 4: Old Business:

The following resolution was offered by Richard McGuire and seconded by Eddie M. Scott:

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 13, 2021, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, (the "District"), on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein pursuant to the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a special tax of twenty-three and nine tenths (23.9) mills on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032 (an estimated \$389,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities and equipment in and for the District, including paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes and salaries of firemen, and all purposes incidental thereto?

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Election thereof.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of **85** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **63** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, resulting in a majority of **22** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by Act 205 of the Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana for the year 2019.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Bossier, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Eddie M. Scott, Richard McGuire, Robert Taylor, and Billy Don Slack

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary Lyles

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 29th day of November, 2021.

Richard McGuire
Secretary

Eddie M. Scott
Chairman

PROCÈS VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7 OF THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Monday, November 29, 2021, at three o'clock (3:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Fire Station, 718 W. Palmetto Avenue, Plain Dealing, Louisiana, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "District"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, November 13, 2021, with the following members present:

Eddie M. Scott, Richard McGuire, Billy Don Slack and Robert Taylor;

There being absent: Gary Lyles;

did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a special tax of twenty-three and nine tenths (23.9) mills on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032 (an estimated \$389,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities and equipment in and for the District, including paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes and salaries of firemen, and all purposes incidental thereto?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of **85** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **63** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of **22** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the District on Saturday, November 13, 2021.

Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part of this *Procès Verbal* is a copy of the Notice of Special Election and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Plain Dealing, Louisiana, on this, the 29th day of November, 2021.

ATTEST:

Richard McGuire
Secretary

Eddie M. Scott
Chairman

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on April 26, 2021, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a special tax of twenty-three and nine tenths (23.9) mills on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032 (an estimated \$389,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities and equipment in and for the District, including paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes and salaries of firemen, and all purposes incidental thereto?

The said special election will be held at the polling places for the following precincts, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

PRECINCTS
03-02(PART)
03-04(PART)

The polling places for the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$8,000.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

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STATE of LOUISIANA

PARISH OF BOSSIER

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority,

Randall E. Brown

deposes and says:

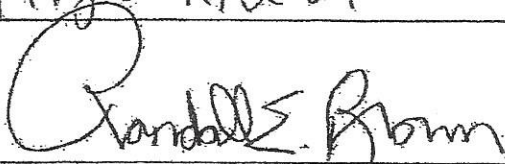
That he is the Publisher of the Bossier Press Tribune, a one day a week newspaper published in the City of Bossier City, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, and that the attached Notice was duly published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

July 21, 2021

July 28, 2021

August 4, 2021

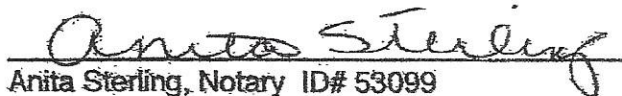
August 11, 2021



Randall E. Brown, Publisher

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

11th day of August, 2021.



Anita Sterling, Notary ID# 53099



Anita Sterling
Notary Public
Notary ID No. 53099
Bossier Parish, Louisiana

PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "District"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the proposition submitted at the special election held in the District on Saturday, November 13, 2021, was **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Plain Dealing, Louisiana, on this, the 29th day of November, 2021.

Eddie M. Scott

Chairman

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF BOSSIER

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "District"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings and *Procès Verbal* made by said Governing Authority on November 29, 2021, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the District on Saturday, November 13, 2021, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Plain Dealing, Louisiana, on this, the 29th day of November, 2021.

Richard McGuire

Secretary

Section 5: New Business:

It was motioned by Richard McGuire and seconded by Billy Don Slack that the Proposed Budget for 2022 be approved as presented. There was no public comment and the vote was unanimous.

It was motioned by Richard McGuire and seconded by Robert Taylor that the Volunteer/Per Diem checks for 2021 be approved as submitted. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous

It was motioned by Richard McGuire and seconded by Robert Taylor that all full-time firefighters and Bookkeeper Brenda Smith received a 2% raise for 2022. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reviewed the revised agreement submitted by Former Plain Dealing Mayor Ronnie Griggs. The Board attempted to meet with current Plain Dealing Mayor Stumon and Plain Dealing Town Attorney Dominick prior to the Board meeting but they were unavailable. After some discussion the Board did not agree with the revisions of Former Mayor Griggs. The Board noted that they have agreed to allow the Town to pay quarterly instead of one lump sum as required in the previous contract. It was motioned by Richard McGuire and seconded by Billy Don Slack that the revised contract offered by The Town of Plain Dealing not be accepted and that the Agreement offered by District #7 and all terms remain as submitted. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

The following was read into the record:

Announcement

Notice is hereby given that at it's meeting to be held on Monday, December 27, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. at it's regular meeting place, the Fire Station, 718 W. Palmetto Avenue, Plain Dealing, Louisiana, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax therein.

Section 6: Adjournment:

It was motioned by Richard McGuire, and seconded by Billy Don Slack that the Board meeting be adjourned until December 27, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.