**BOSSIER PARISH**

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #7**

**718 W. Palmetto Avenue**

**Plain Dealing, LA 71064**

**318-326-5004**

**BOARD OF COMMISSION**

October 25, 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, and Bookkeeper Brenda Smith.

 **Public Present:** Mayor Ronnie Griggs of The Town of Plain Dealing.

**Section 2: Reading of Previous Minutes from September 27, 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 October 2021:**

It was motioned by Richard McGuire and seconded by Billy Don Slack that the financial report for October 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 Robert Taylor:

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution confirming an election date change pursuant to Executive Order of the Governor; confirming the date to canvass the returns of the election; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

 WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, heretofore called for an election to be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021; and

 WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order Number 2021 JBE 13 on September 9, 2021 (said Executive Order, with any supplements or modifications, herein the “Executive Order”), to reschedule elections due to the Statewide State of Emergency caused by Hurricane Ida;

 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED 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. This Governing Authority acknowledges the change in the election date, pursuant to the Executive Order, from October 9, 2021 to November 13, 2021.

 SECTION 2. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Fire Station, 718 W. Palmetto Avenue, Plain Dealing, Louisiana on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021**, at **THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M.**, and shall examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

 SECTION 3. All provisions of the election call resolution previously adopted by this Governing Authority, other than the change in the election date and the canvass date, shall remain in full force and effect.

 SECTION 4. The Chairman and/or Secretary are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal authorities to conduct the election.

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

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

 NAYS: None.

 ABSENT: Gary Lyles

 And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 25th day of October, 2021.

 Richard McGuire Eddie M. Scott

 Secretary Chairman

**Section 5: New Business:**

It was motioned by Richard McGuire and seconded by Robert Taylor that the amended budget for 2021 be approved as presented. There was no public comment and the vote was unanimous.

After some discussion between Plain Dealing Mayor Ronnie Griggs and the board, it was motioned by Richard McGuire and seconded by Robert Taylor that the agenda be amended so that the board could discuss the proposed merger of The Town of Plain Dealing and Bossier Fire District #7. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

It was motioned by Richard McGuire and seconded by Robert Taylor that the Bossier Parish Fire District #7 Board of Commissioners would be in favor of the Town of Plain Dealing’s proposed merger with Bossier Fire District #7 if the voters of The Town of Plain Dealing vote to approve the merger. There was no comment. The vote was unanimous

**Section 6: Adjournment:**

It was motioned by Richard McGuire, and seconded by Robert Taylor that the Board meeting be adjourned until November 29, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.