**BOSSIER PARISH**

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #7**

718 W. Palmetto Avenue

Plain Dealing, LA 71064

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BOARD OF COMMISSION

December 13, 2023 at 4:00 PM

**Public Hearing**

The public hearing to discuss the 2024 proposed budget was called to order at 4:00 pm by Board Chairman Dennis Hays. A copy of the 2024 proposed budget was available for all present. There was no public present and the hearing was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

**Public Meeting**

The public meeting was called to order with a prayer.

**Section 1: Attendance:**

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

**Absent:** None

**District #7 Personnel Present:** Chief Wayne Weeks, Captain Colton Fisk and Bookkeeper Brenda Smith.

 **Public Present:** None.

**Section 2: Reading of Previous Minutes from November 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 November 2023:**

It was motioned by Richard McGuire and seconded by Cindy Dodson to approve the financial report for November 2023, as presented. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

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

Chief Weeks provided an update on a Civil Service Board. The SUV from South Bossier Fire is still pending due to they have to get their new unit in service.

It was motioned by Cindy Dodson and seconded by Lenora Green-Myers to approve the 2023 Amended Budget with the most up to date information. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

**Section 5: New Business:**

It was motioned by Cindy Dodson and seconded by Richard McGuire to approve the 2024 Proposed Budget as presented. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

It was motioned by Cindy Dodson and seconded by Lenora Green-Myers to approve amending the health insurance payment policy for full-time firefighters. The district will continue to pay 100% of health insurance premiums for all firefighters currently on the individual plan. The district will pay 80% of the insurance premiums for all firefighters requiring the family plan. All new hires from this date forward, the district will pay 80% of the premium for both the individual and family plans. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

It was motioned by Cindy Dodson and seconded by Billy Don Slack to approve a 2% annual raise for 2024 for all full-time firefighters which includes the Chief as required by Louisiana Revised Statute. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

It was motioned by Lenora Green-Meyers and seconded by Billy Don Slack to approve the 2024 monthly board meeting schedule which will be on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

It was motioned by Lenora Green-Myers and seconded by Billy Don Slack to approve the purchase of a conference room table and chairs for the newly renovated conference room. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.

**Section 6: Adjournment:**

It was motioned by Cindy Dodson and seconded by Billy Don Slack that the Board Meeting be adjourned until January 10, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. There was no public comment. The vote was unanimous.