

**LIVINGSTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

9760 Florida Blvd, Walker LA 70785 (Headquarters)

May 20, 2024

Chairman Dugas called the Regular Board meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:02 p.m. The invocation was given by Mr. Falks and the assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Dugas called the roll with the following members present: Mr. Joseph Blanchard, Mr. Darren Blevins, Mr. Robert Dugas, and Mr. Leslie Falks. Mr. Jeff Easley was absent. Chief Wascom, Deputy Chief Trey Jackson, Ms. Tasha Killcrease, Mr. Trey Sanders, and Mr. Jay LeBlanc were also in attendance.

Chairman Dugas announced that public input would be accepted from any member of the audience wishing to address an agenda item. There was no public comment made.

Mr. Blevins made the motion, seconded by Mr. Falks, to adopt the minutes of the April 15, 2024 Board Meeting.

Ayes: Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Blevins, Mr. Dugas, and Mr. Falks
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Easley

Mr. Trey Sanders with Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP advised the final March Financial Report was complete and submitted to the Board Secretary then reviewed the April 2024 Financial Report along with the Board Members. The Financial Report includes Balance Sheet for assets as well as liabilities and fund balance, Statement of Income, Budget to Actual, and General Fixed Assets.

Mr. Jay LeBlanc with Quality Engineering & Surveying, LLC advised there have been several communications with LPFPD4's attorney regarding the MSAs. Chief Wascom advised that he would schedule a meeting with LPFPD4's attorney and Quality Engineering & Surveying to answer the remaining questions about the MSA. The Board held a discussion regarding the department's current renovation and repair needs.

There being no further old business to discuss, the Board moved on to new business.

Chief Wascom advised of an important matter with LPFPD4's generators that needs attention.

Mr. Falks made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blevins, to lift the agenda. A roll call vote reflected:

Ayes: Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Blevins, Mr. Dugas, and Mr. Falks
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Easley

Chief Wascom advised the last couple of storms several generators did not operate correctly causing delayed response to emergencies when firefighters can't access garage doors for the apparatus. Omni Metrix Global Monitoring and Controls systems can notify our Chief of Maintenance on a weekly basis if test runs are properly functioning as well as operating properly during a power outage. For thirteen generators, the first year set up fee and equipment is a total of \$17,459.00. The annual monitoring fee after the initial year is \$369.00 per generator for a total of \$4,797.00 per year.

Mr. Falks made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, to authorize Chief Wascom to approve the contract with Omni Metrix for monitoring LPFPD4 generators.

Ayes: Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Blevins, Mr. Dugas, and Mr. Falks
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Easley

Mr. Blevins made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, to return to the regular agenda of the May Board meeting.

Ayes: Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Blevins, Mr. Dugas, and Mr. Falks
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Easley

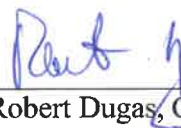
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- Chief Wascom advised:
 - Our new Maintenance Officer was hired and starting next week.
 - After further investigation LPFPD4 can't order firetrucks off HGAC. The department has two options to find apparatus on state contractor or go out for public bid. A discussion was held. At the June Board Meeting the Board will discuss which direction to proceed for two engines.
- Deputy Chief Jackson presented the response statistics for LPFPD4's total of 609 calls in April.

There being no further business before the board, Mr. Blevins made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Ayes: Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Blevins, Mr. Dugas, and Mr. Falks
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Easley


Robert Dugas, Chairman