

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – APRIL 23, 2015  
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL/GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING  
880 NORTH ALEXANDER AVENUE, PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA**

At this time the West Baton Rouge Parish Council met as the WBR Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 Board of Commissioners and the meeting was called to order at 7:13pm.

Roll-Call Pro System recorded the following members as being present:

Messrs. Chris "Fish" Kershaw, Phil Porto Jr., Barry Hughhins, Edward G. "Bob" Robertson, Ms. Charlene Gordon, Messrs. Ricky Loupe, Randal Mouch & Ms. Naomi Fair

Absent: Mr. Gary Spillman

Also present were Riley Berthelot, Parish President, Phillip Bourgoyne, Director of Finance and Michelle Tullier, Clerk of Board.

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Under item #3 Approval of Minutes, a motion was made by Mr. Chris Kershaw, seconded by Ms. Charlene Gordon to approve the meeting minutes of March 26, 2015. There was no further discussion at this time.

Roll-Call Pro System recorded the votes on the motion as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Messrs. Kershaw, Mouch, Porto, Hughhins, Robertson, Loupe, Mses. Gordon, Fair)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Spillman)

As a result of the votes the motion was adopted

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Vice Chairman Barry Hughhins recognized Mr. Mark Waniewski with PMI Resource at this time under item #4c: 2014-008: BOC Resolution (RS 11.2254.1 – FRS Conversion of Unused Leave to Credible Service), which had been tabled from the last meeting; Mr. Waniewski requested this item to be once again tabled to the next meeting for further clarification. There was no questions or further discussion at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Phil Porto, seconded by Mr. Chris Kershaw to table this item to the next meeting.

Roll-Call Pro System recorded the votes on the motion as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Messrs. Kershaw, Mouch, Porto, Hughhins, Robertson, Loupe, Mses. Gordon, Fair)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Spillman)

As a result of the votes the motion was adopted

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Vice Chairman Hughhins moved on to Item #4b; 2015-008: BOC Resolution (Establish Seniority-Amended/Record Keeping only)-This item, per Mr. Waniewski was put on the agenda just for informational purposes, for the council to review the amended resolution from actions taken at the last meeting. There were no questions or discussion at this time.

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Mr. Waniewski was recognized under Item #4c 2015-012: BOC Resolution (BOC Regular Meeting Date & Time) he explained this resolution was to set the meeting dates & time for the record going forward. The meetings of this board will be on the 4th Thursday of each month, however, Mr. Waniewski recommended changing the language on the resolution which reads "starting five minutes after the conclusion of the WBR Parish Council meeting" to read "starting immediately after the conclusion of the WBR Parish Council meeting". There were no questions or discussions on this item.

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A motion was made by Mr. Randal Mouch, seconded by Mr. Ricky Loupe to approve resolution 2015-012 with aforementioned changes.

Roll-Call Pro System recorded the votes on the motion as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Messrs. Kershaw, Mouch, Porto, Hughhins, Robertson, Loupe, Mses. Gordon, Fair)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Spillman)

As a result of the votes the motion was adopted

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Mr. Waniewski was once again recognized under Item #4d 2015-013: BOC Resolution (Recognition of PTO for Port Allen Personnel), Mr. Waniewski requested this item to be tabled to the next meeting for further clarification. There was no questions or further discussion at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Phil Porto, seconded by Mr. Randal Mouch to table resolution 2015-013 to the next meeting.

Roll-Call Pro System recorded the votes on the motion as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Messrs. Kershaw, Mouch, Porto, Hughhins, Robertson, Loupe, Mses. Gordon, Fair)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Spillman)

As a result of the votes the motion was adopted

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Mr. Waniewski was once again recognized under Item #4e 2015-014: BOC Resolution (Open Seniority Tie-breaker) he requested this item be tabled at this time at the request of Mr. Gary Spillman, however Mr. Waniewski noted this protocol does need to be used temporarily until this resolution has been adopted, he recommended the board to approve the use of this criteria until such time as the resolution can be adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Phil Porto, seconded by Mr. Ricky Loupe to table resolution 2015-014 with instructions to follow the protocol outlined in said motion until such time as the formal motion is adopted.

Roll-Call Pro System recorded the votes on the motion as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Messrs. Kershaw, Mouch, Porto, Hughhins, Robertson, Loupe, Mses. Gordon, Fair)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Spillman)

As a result of the votes the motion was adopted

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Mr. Waniewski noted two things before he stepped from the microphone, the first item is that we are currently completing the application for the 457 Plan for our paid contract workers which would give them relief with social security and would enhance bringing other contract workers into the district, the second item is that we qualified early for an LWCC 2014 dividend of \$2,065.00.

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Fire Chief Kenny Hunts was recognized under item #5 (Fire Chief Report) and covered the following items:

90 Day Progress- Fire service is strong and making great progress

Mock Drill at Brusly High School successful

Uniform changes taking place

Vehicle marking beginning in May

Contract workers increasing on the North end

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Volunteers increasing district wide  
Viking Cruise Mack Drill in Memphis  
Driver Training completing this week  
Sent Firefighters to Colorado for Railcar Training  
Brusly/Addis consolidation complete, will be dispatching together soon  
Lobdell Fire Station progress  
Noloxone Drug Legislation  
Calls for the Month of March =238

Ms. Charlene Gordon questioned Chief Hunts as to how long he thought it would take for the remainder of the districts to be combined or if this was being looked into, Chief Hunts explained the issues with ratings coming up and stated at this time it would not be a good idea in his opinion, but he did note it will be looked at in the future as an option.

Mr. Kershaw asked Chief Hunts for the names of the recruits whom recently graduated from the academy, they included:

Alyssa Am- Valedictorian of the class  
Frankie Favrot  
James Cade Loupe

Mr. Kershaw wanted to say thanks for the Mobile Command Unit being at the Relay for Life Event in Brusly last week, in closing Mr. Kershaw asked about any burn bans that would have existed back from the old Fire District No. 2. Chief Hunts explained the parish wide policy on burning any trash, garbage or debris, he noted this is still in effect for the entire parish.

Mr. Mouch asked what the pay is for contract workers, Chief Hunts explained it depends on your experience, certifications and years of service it start out at \$11.50per hour for basic firefighter, \$12.50per hour for a senior firefighter and it is topped out at \$15.50per hour.

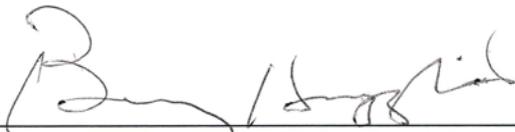
Mr. Barry Huggins finished with a comment stating as a small business owner he would be glad to see us restart the inspection program and commented he had not seen anyone in the last few years come by and do a walk through. Chief Hunts explained we are planning to take care of this at the end of this year parish wide for every commercial structure to have a complete walk through.

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There were no public comments at this time.

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There being no further business on the agenda, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Charlene Gordon and adopted by acclamation at 7:53pm.



Barry Huggins, Board Vice Chairman



Michelle Tullier, Clerk

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