

Liberty Fire District
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Liberty Fire Board
February 05, 2024
7:00 PM

Location of Meeting:

Liberty Fire Department South Station
3278 US HWY 90
DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32433

Present at Meeting: Mike Engel , Tony Roy, Philip Canterbury, John Bottoms, Randi Lightner

The regular meeting of the Liberty Fire Board of Liberty Fire District was called to order at 7:00 PM on February 05, 2024 at Liberty Fire Department South Station by Mike Engel.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Call To Order
Mike Engel
2. Roll Call
Mike Engel
Mike Engel, Philip Canterbury, Tony Roy , John Bottoms , Randi Lightner present.
Board attorney present.
3. Invocation
Jefferson Sweet
4. Pledge Of Allegiance
Mike Engel
5. Treasurer Report
John Bottoms
Report read into record by John Bottoms. Motion to approve made by Tony Roy,
Second by Randi Lightner. Motion passes unanimously.
6. Old Business
Mike Engel

Grant reimbursement status is pending.

Worker's Comp suggest we have each volunteer sign off on SOG's individually . Also suggests annual driver license check for all volunteers. LFD agreed to comply with both suggestions.

Unreturned Equipment - Attorney to send letter to return equipment and cease and desist defamation. Letter will be sent via return and regular mail. Former firefighter will have 24 hours to respond and 5 business days to return equipment to office of board attorney. Motion made by Tony Roy to give attorney full force and effect to work with chairman to get equipment returned up to filing suit. Second by Philip Canterbury. Motion passes unanimously.

7. Board Positions

Mike Engel

Nomination made by Tony Roy for Randi Lightner to become Secretary. Accepted by Randi Lightner. Second by Philip Canterbury. Passes unanimously.

Nomination made by Tony Roy for John Bottoms to remain Treasurer. No second. Motion dies.

Nomination for Tony Roy to become treasurer made by Randi Lightner. Accepted by Roy. Second by Philip Canterbury. Motion passes unanimously.

Nomination to keep Mike Engel as Chairman made by Tony Roy. Engel accepts nomination. Second by Philip Canterbury. Engel abstains from vote. Passes unanimously.

Nomination for Philip Canterbury to become Vice Chair by Tony Roy. Canterbury accepts. Second by Randi Lightner. Passes unanimously.

Nomination for John Bottoms to become Member at Large by Tony Roy. Second by Randi Lightner. Passes unanimously.

8. New Business

Mike Engel

Audit completed and turned in online and via USPS Priority Mail with delivery receipt and tracking by Mike Engel. Motion to allow Mike Engel and James Odom to negotiate with county for 2023 funds made by Randi Lightner. Second by Philip Canterbury. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion made by Randi Lightner for Mike Engel to be on or have access to all district accounts. Second by Tony Roy. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion made by Randi Lightner for Philip Canterbury to be on or have access to all district accounts. Second by Mike Engel.

SLERS Radio Upgrade Letter from WCSO - Department believes they have 10 - 12 radios that are P25 compliant. Department will need at least 20 handhelds and 14 for trucks. Chairman Mike Engel will send an email to WCSO to gain insight on what types of radios will be needed.

9. Comments By The Fire Chief

John Dunham

103 calls and 15 mutual aid calls in January. Six were to Mossy Head.

10. Attorney And Board Member Comments

Mike Engel

Attorney has Bylaw changes ready for signature but was unable to print today. She will email them for signature. Legal opinion letter for auditor for 2022 complete. No liens or lawsuits found. No workers comp claims.

County has not sent needed information to Donna for reports. Attorney suggests emailing another request. If they don't respond, she will send a demand and begin fining when time to do so.

Motion to adjourn made by Mike Engel. Second by Randi Lightner. Motion passes unanimously.

IV. Consideration of New Business

1.

V. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on March 04, 2024 at:

Liberty Fire Department

3278 US HWY 90

DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32433

The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 PM by Mike Engel.

Minutes submitted by: Randi Lightner

Minutes approved by: Mike Engel