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**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**

Meeting called to order

Silent Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Chairman Bill Dobson, Vice Chairman Danny Patron, Treasurer Jack Schell, Commissioners David Lindsey and Ambrose Amedee, Fire Chief Merrick Tassin, DOA Kenneth Moore, Board Legal Counsel Hector Lopez and Secretary Marlaine Peachey.

Approval of Agenda & Additions: Chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda. None came forth. Motion to approve the agenda by Schell, second by Lindsey. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting of September 16, 2014. Motion to approve by Lindsey, second by Schell. Motion passed without opposition.

2. Consideration for approval the Ordinance to create the Chief of Administration Position with proposed notice to the Civil Service Board. Chairman Dobson asked the Secretary to read the ordinance aloud. The ordinance called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote

Amedee	Yes
Patron	Yes
Dobson	Yes
Lindsey	Yes
Schell	Yes

Motion passed 5-0, no absences, no abstentions.

a. Consideration for approval of Fire Chief's provisional appointment to Chief of Administration. Chief Tassin appointed Kenneth Moore as a provisional appointment to Chief of Administration. Motion to approve by Schell. Second by Lindsey. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Consideration for approval of the Seventh Amended and Restated Board Bylaws. Chairman Dobson indicated the Mandeville Fire Fighters Association (“MFFA”) transmitted a communication to him and others posing questions concerning the proposed revisions and expressing disappointment on not being notified of the proposed amended and restated bylaws. The Chairman echoed that discussions concerning amending and restating the Board Bylaws has been ongoing for over a year and that all of the related work sessions were properly noticed and open to the public. However, on the work session members, the Fire Chief and Chief of Administration attended. In addition, concerns the Chairman’s powers were being expanded is mistaken as those power remain as they have read over during the past 28 years. The MFFA’s attorney, Louis Robein, was present and requested to review a version with the current changes and was provided with a copy.

Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the Seventh Amended and Restated Bylaws, dated September 24, 2014, Commissioner Patron seconded the motion; the Chairman call for discussion.

The MFFA communication (annexed to these minutes) setting out numerous questions was responded to by the Board and thoroughly debated (annexed to these minutes).

Commissioner Patron enumerated the proposed changes to the Seventh Amended and Restated Bylaws resulting from the discussions:

1. Strike paragraph 3.02
2. Modify paragraph 5.07b, second line after “I” change administrative to corporate
3. Strike section 7.02c in its entirety
4. Strike Annex B in its entirety
5. Section 1.06, change the address from 701 to 709 Girod Street, Mandeville, La. 70448

Commissioner Lindsey withdrew his motion to approve the Seventh Amended and Restated Bylaws, dated September 24, 2014, Commissioner Schell seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The Resolution to Adopt the Seventh Amended and Restated Bylaws, dated September 24, 2014, was read incorporating the proposed changes (the Resolution will be subsequently corrected to read consistently with the proposed changes).

Being no further discussion, the Chairman called the vote as indicated as follows:

Amedee	Yea
Patron	Yea
Dobson	Yea
Lindsey	Yea
Schell	Yea

Motion passed 5-0, no absences, no abstentions.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and reminded those in attendance of the October 7th, 2014, Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m., to discuss adoption of the Code of Ethics and Compliance Plan. He additionally indicated a copy was previously posted to the District’s website. The Chairman indicated there would be an advance work session to review and discuss the Code of Ethics and Compliance Plan on Tuesday, September 30th at 8:00 a.m., and instructed the Secretary to post notice and the agenda.

Commissioner Patron motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Schell seconded the motion. The Chairman called for discussion, there being none, called for the vote: passed without opposition.

I, the Board Secretary, hereby certify the above and forgoing minutes were approved by the Board on _____, 2014.

Marlaine Peachey, Secretary