

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2021 – 2:00 p.m. CST

**East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office
8900 Jimmy Wedell Drive, Building B
Baton Rouge, LA 70807**

The East Baton Rouge Communications District Board of Commissioners met at the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office on the 18th day of August 2021 for a duly noticed regular (but rescheduled) meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sid Gautreaux at 2:20 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Myron Daniels.

The Invocation was given by John Entremont.

Roll was called by the Chairman:

Present: Chairman Sid Gautreaux, Mayor David Barrow, Chief Myron Daniels, Mayor David Amrhein, and Joseph Entremont.

Absent: Chad Guillot and Mayor Darnell Waites

The Chairman found that a quorum existed.

Others Present:

Director Jim Verlander, Part-time Assistant Director Todd Campbell, Legal Counsel Henry Olinde, Chad Major (BRFD), Scott Lazarone, CPA (Faulk & Winkler), Jennifer Kimball (BRFD), Jamie Kimble (Baker PD), ZPD Police Chief David McDavid, ZPD Assistant Police Chief Darryl Lawrence, Ricky Klug (EBRSO), David Luker (EBRSO) Chief Joel Hancock (District 6), Mary Jane Marcantel, Mohit Vij (365 Labs), Amber Guidry, Denise Boudreaux.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Barrow moved to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2021 meeting. Chief Myron Daniels seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

CAD Project, Issue and Development

Director Jim Verlander presented on the Austin visit and advised the Board that it was very successful. Director Verlander invited CAD Committee member, Jennifer Kimble (BRFD) to report on the Austin visit and related matters. Ms. Kimble reported on the trip and reported that the primary focus became GIS and the necessity to get GIS data that is for public safety purposes as opposed to the type of GIS data that the District is currently getting from the City-Parish. Director Verlander advised the Board that he is currently working on the GIS issue and how much this will cost the District.

RMS - Status/Issues

Director Verlander opened the discussion on RMS. Jamie Watson (Baker PD) reported to the Board on behalf of the RMS committee. Ms. Watson reported that Baker PD is very pleased with the RMS and the Gizmo. Their opinion is that the RMS is "cutting edge." Amber Guidry (Zachary PD) also commented to the Board and agreed that there are many improvements, but that many members of the RMS committee would like to see a definitive list of features and add-ons with prices so they would know exactly what service(s) is/are included and excluded.

Financial Transition Status

Scott Lazarone, CPA reported to the Board on the transition status and budgeting process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paging Utility Quote

Director Verlander and Ms. Kimble presented on the paging utility and the quote from Central Square in the amount of \$9,390.34. Mayor Amrhein moved to accept the quote and approve payment subject to review and approval by legal counsel. Mr. Entremont seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Rapid SOS CAD Integration

Director Verlander and Stacy Hannon presented on integrating RapidSOS into the CAD system. Central Square's quote for this is \$14,060.48. Mayor Amrhein moved to

accept the quote and approve payment subject to review and approval by legal counsel. Chief Daniels seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

365 Labs NCIC Lookup Renewal

Director Verlander and Mohit Vij presented this matter to the Board. The quote from 365 Labs for the renewal of this subscription service is \$75,000.00 for the 2021-2022 year. Mayor Amrhein moved to accept the quote and approve payment subject to review and approval by legal counsel. Mayor Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Other Recent Developments

Director Verlander presented matters to the Board including upcoming mandated expenses for the District and the proposed EMS employee salary increases and the corresponding cost increase of approximately \$600,000 that would be imposed upon the District. City-Parish CAO Darryl Gissel also commented on this matter and discussion followed.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Director Verlander presented a written report to the Board on the various projects that are pending and the status of each project.

Director Jim Verlander advised the Board that he would like for the Board to consider adopting a mission statement. Director Verlander provided the Board with a proposed mission statement to take home and think about.

Mr. Olinde reported on legal updates.

Chairman Gautreaux announced that if Covid continues to increase, next month's Board meeting will have to be in a venue where social distancing can take place.

David Luker (EBRSO) also reported on status of needed new tower. Chance Delome of Motorola presented on the necessary components and cost of the tower. It appears that the price will be in the \$900,000 range.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Entremont moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Amrhein seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.