



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11
Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes
37546 Pine Street Extension, Pearl River, Louisiana
Fire Chief Jack Dockery
April 14, 2026
7:00 pm – 7:23 pm

ROLL CALL

Russell Lindsey – Present
Ryan Dreux - Present
Eugene Swann – Present
Floyd Trascher – Present
Michele Blackwell – Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **INVOCATION** **MINUTES**

Mrs. Blackwell calls the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Roll is called, Board members Russel Lindsey, Ryan Dreux, Eugene Swann, Floyd Trascher and Michele Blackwell are present. Mr. Floyd Trascher says the invocation and Mr. Ryan Dreux leads the pledge.

Mr. Trascher asked to open the agenda and move an item on the agenda up. The Retirement Ceremony for Brenda Grisaffi. Mr. Lindsey seconds the motion. A roll call vote was called, all in favor. The Ceremony is moved up on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

RETIREMENT CEREMONY FOR BRENDA GRISAFFI – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery presents Mrs. Grisaffi with a plaque for the 14 years of service with the St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11 and thanks Brenda for her dedication, years of service and wishes her a happy retirement. Mrs. Blackwell thanks her for always being there for our families and this community. Mr. Trascher expresses his thanks and acknowledges the time, struggles of the department and the profession. He thanks her for her services.

Mrs. Grisaffi says it's been 14 years since she started and never thought she would be a fire fighter along with being a paramedic but, have enjoyed it and thanks her family, friends and husband for their support.

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell asked if everyone read the minutes of the meeting held on March 10th and the minutes of the special meeting held on March 25th? Mr. Trascher reviewed the minutes of both meetings and they seem to be in order and if there is no discussion, I move that we approve them with the video governing. Mr. Lindsey seconds, all in favor, motion carries.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Dockery states that for March, we are looking at a range 25%. Going through, Workers Comp is up a little bit, our rate went up this year and should even out. Radio Repairs, we have some in that but this is not a monthly bill, same for Small Engine Maintenance. These will work out throughout the year.

We talked last meeting about Medic 112, and the Line items 6484, 6486, and 6495. These are repairs on the trucks and we will work on amending this. Monthly bills are in line and are under 25%. The Board of Commissioner's line item was a miscode and should have been Advertisement and will be corrected. Payroll looks good.

Mrs. Blackwell asked for any questions, with none, we will move to the EMS Report.

EMS

We received \$18,572.85, for the month of March. With no questions, we move to the Chief's Report.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Jack Dockery

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FIRES	9
(2 Mutual Aid, 2 Structure)	
HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS	2
MEDICAL	48
PUBLIC SERVICE	12
NON EMERGENCY	17
LAW ENFORCEMENT	2
TOTAL	90

SWEET TEA FESTIVAL

We have the Sweet Tea Festival coming up. It's later in the month. They reached out to us so we will have a presence out there. I think it's the 26th, and we will be out there helping out and getting the word out for our millage also.

FIRE RECOVERY

We received a check from our Fire Recovery program in the amount of \$1,427, from last month. This is a program that we have that looks at all the car fires or car accidents for insurance reimbursements.

Mrs. Blackwell ask for any questions on the Chief's Report. With no questions, we move to New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSS ADDING CHIEF MATT PARISH TO SIGNATURE CARDS – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery thought Chief Parish was on the signature cards already but, talking with Mrs. Williams at the bank, he is not on the card. I am bringing it to the board to discuss adding Matt Parish to the signature card so, in my absence, he can conduct the business of the department.

Mr. Trascher thanks Chief for bringing this up and agrees it is a good business policy that we have at least two people to handle this so we are able to function. Mr. Trascher states we have Resolution 2026-010, pertaining to adding Chief Matt Parish to the signature cards and reads the resolution into the record. Mr. Trascher makes a motion to adopt this resolution and Mr. Lindsey seconds the motion.

Mrs. Blackwell does a roll call vote for Resolution 2026-010. All in favor, motion carries.

DISCUSSION/INTRODUCTON OF SETTING MILLAGE RATES – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery states it's almost time for setting the millage rates. Does the Board have any intentions of rolling forward this year. I ask because if we do, I have to start the process of setting everything up, putting it in the paper and getting set up for a July meeting. If we are going to stay the same, we can do it with a regular Board meeting in May or June with an affidavit with a Resolution and it will be done.

Mr. Trascher mentioned on the millage, we do not have to roll forward now to keep the maximum that was approved. Chief Dockery said, correct. I believe that is next year or the year after. Chief Parish said unless he (the assessor) surprises us and changes the reassessment year. He will not give us an answer.

Mr. Trascher said he thinks it would be in our best interest not to roll forward at this point. We are asking for a millage renewal and we did roll back on our millage's. We do have some expensive projects that are going to be in the works. That's his opinion and asked, does the rest of the Board agree? Chief Parish said we are in agreement with that and AWG is doing significant improvements to that facility and we will be getting additional funds from them next year also. We are comfortable without rolling forward. Chief Dockery said that is his recommendation to not roll forward but wanted to present the option to the Board.

Mr. Trascher moves to do so, to maintain the millage rates as they are. The rest of the Board is in agreement.

Mrs. Blackwell asked if we had any further discussion and is everyone in agreement. All are in agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Chairperson Michele Blackwell

Mrs. Blackwell ask for any Public Comments?

Chief Parish said he would like to make a Public Comment. If no one knows, they had a big woods fire this weekend. It was a District 7 fire but, we did respond. I want to applaud our District for the amazing job with a very hot fire that was jumping the roads and going everywhere. Mitchell did a great job on public media keeping the public informed and the public loved it. We had great feed back from the public and I want to thank them for a great job and did it safely. No one got hurt and no homes were damaged.

Mr. Swann commented that it was a big fire too. Chief Parish said it was about 200 acres. It started jumping Dummyline and they did an amazing job to contain it and I wanted to say that in the Public meeting. They did a great job and wanted to tell Mitchell thank you for his social media information. The fire was started by someone burning trash in a barrel and the bottom fell out and the fire took off.

Mrs. Blackwell asked if there were any other Public Comments? With no comments, there are two reminders she mentioned. We need to do our Ethics training and the Financial Disclosures. I have some forms here and the Ethics is on Ethics.com. The Financial Disclosures are due May 15th. Just a reminder.

Mrs. Rinkus said, thank you Brenda for the many times you were called to my house and helped my family and for all that you do. Mrs. Blackwell thanks her for her services also. We appreciate all of you and for what you do.

Do we have any other Public Comments? With none, do we have a motion to adjourn? Mr. Lindsey makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dreux seconds. All in favor, motion carries.