

August 10, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

The Bossier Parish Communications District One Board of Directors convened in a regular and legal session on August 10, 2026, at 5:30 pm at the Bossier Parish Communications District One Board Room, located at 4601 Palmetto Road, Benton, Louisiana.

Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Mr. McAnn

Mrs. Durbin called the roll with members present as follows:

Chairman Rogers, Mr. Holley, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Barattini, and Mr. O'Neal

Absent: None.

Guest: Mrs. Vickie Case and Dr. Ken Ward

A public hearing, in compliance with the provisions of Act 947 of the 2026 legislature, on the increase of wireless surcharge rates opened at 5:33 p.m., with a motion to open by Mr. Billy Jordan and a second by Mr. Mel Allen; the Board voted unanimously. Mr. McAnn spoke about the need for Next Generation 911 services and the associated expenses of the district. Chairman Rogers called for public comment; with no public comment, Chairman Rogers closed the public comment period. Mr. Mel Allen moved to close the public hearing; Gene Barattini seconded, and the public hearing closed at 5:40 pm by unanimous vote.

Chairman Rogers introduced Mrs. Vickie Case, CPA, of Cook & Morehart CPA Firm. Mrs. Case reviewed the 2025 Annual Audit with the Board and provided each member with a written report. She advised that the district's financials were in good order and that there were no findings. She then entertained questions from the Board. Mr. Holley moved, seconded by Mr. Allen, to accept the 2025 Annual Audit as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Rogers introduced the July 13, 2026, meeting minutes for approval. Mr. O'Neal made the motion, seconded by Mr. Holley, to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McAnn presented the Board with year-to-date financial reports and current income and expense reports for review. Mr. McAnn noted that two CDs were coming due and that the funds would roll into the district's sweep account. Mr. Allen moved to approve the financial report, and Mr. O'Neal seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Rogers asked Dr. Ward, Parish Administrator, for his thoughts on increasing the wireless surcharge. Dr. Ward said the move was prudent because technology costs and business costs are rising.

Director Report:

Mr. McAnn stated that a children's group from Benton Methodist visited the center on July 26, 2026. He briefed the Board on the National APCO Conference. He also stated that the ESI-net project continues to move forward. Mr. McAnn updated the Board on the space utilization study. He will meet on August 11th to review the initial proposals. Mr. McAnn explained that the EMR class discussed at the last meeting has been postponed to February 2027 due to scheduling conflicts. Lastly, Mr. McAnn informed the Board that we are looking into replacing one of our A/C units and is hopeful to present bids at our next scheduled Board meeting.

Old: None

New:

After brief discussion, Mr. Barattini moved to approve Bossier Parish Communications District #1 Ordinance 26-001, raising the monthly wireless surcharge from **\$1.25** to **\$2.00**; Mr. Allen seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned.

Minutes are subject to approval at the next stated Board Meeting.

Doug Rogers,
Chairman

Andy Holley,
Secretary