

Minutes-March 13, 2023,

The Bossier Parish Communications District One Board in regular and legal session convened on March 13, 2023, at 5:30 pm at the Bossier Parish Communications District One Board room at 4601 Palmetto Road in Benton, Louisiana.

Chairman Varnell called the meeting to order.

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

Chairman Varnell, Mr. Holley, Mr. Jordan, and Mr. Robertson.

Via-Phone: Mr. Rogers

Absent: Mr. Ward and Mr. Marshall

Chairman Varnell introduced the meeting minutes of February 13, 2023, for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Jordan, to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes as presented. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. McAnn presented the Board with financial reports, reflecting year-to-date balances as well as up-to-date income and expense reports. Mr. Jordan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Holley, to approve the financial report. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Director Report:

Mr. McAnn updated the board on a meeting he attended with senior leaders regarding the possibility of a co-located communications center. Mr. Willis Cater was present to provide information on the positives and negatives of co-location. The meeting ended with Mr. Cater being asked to develop a list of possible co-located centers that could be toured. Mr. McAnn informed the board that Mrs. Felicetty had resigned to pursue other interests, and he was working to seek her replacement. Mr. McAnn announced that Mr. Jordan and Mr. Robertson had been reappointed to the Board of Directors for a four-year term ending March 1st, 2027. Mr. McAnn stated the 2022 audit fieldwork was scheduled for March 22, 2023. Mr. McAnn briefed the board on the preparations for the upcoming Barksdale Air Force Base airshow on March 25th and 26. Mr. McAnn then discussed the upcoming State and National APCO Conferences and asked if board members would like to attend. The state symposium will be held in Marksville, LA, April 17-19, 2023, and the APCO National Conference will be held in Nashville from August 6-9, 2023. Mr. McAnn invited board members to Gandy-Brown Post 4588 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for their 2023 VFW Public Servant Awards banquet on March 23rd at 6:30 pm. Communications Officer Jennifer Kruithof will receive the 2023 Public Safety Telecommunicator award for the post. Mr. McAnn then updated the board that furniture had been installed at the Back Up Center, and the remodel was almost complete. Mr. McAnn briefed the board on recent equipment issues with a GIS server and battery backup system. Also discussed was Brightspeed

Communications' plan to update 911 trunks in the Plain Dealing area. Finally, Mr. McAnn updated the board that the process of transitioning to the new ATT fiber was ongoing.

Old:

Mr. McAnn presented the board with an updated carport covering quotes, including design photos and sketches. The board asked Mr. McAnn to ascertain additional information and to follow up at the next board meeting.

New:

None.

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Robertson. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Minutes are subject to approval at the next board meeting.

Charles Varnell
Chairman

Andy Holley
Secretary