

Richland Parish 911 Communications District
Quarter 1 Meeting
April 14, 2025

Minutes

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Beth Lewis
2. Roll Call:
Present: Beth Lewis, Josh Strickland, Ken Hall, Rebecca Hillman, Landon Joiner and Dawn Williams (guest)
3. Agenda approved: Rebecca Hillman made motion to approve; Second by Landon Joiner; Motion passed without opposition.
4. Rebecca Hillman made motion to approve Minutes from January 30, 2025; Second by Landon Joiner; Motion passed without opposition.

Old Business

1. Reviewed financials for YTD. Everything looks good.
2. 911 Stats: Less calls than normal. Many more address requests than normal (about triple the usual amount). With new requests for campgrounds the workload is going to be much higher (1 address per campground with each camp spot being marked)
3. Texty/Text to 911: Went live on day of meeting. Program is super easy to use. Everything went well – tested with the 3 major carriers. Similar system in schools for teachers/students also.
4. New Board Member: We need a new member to replace Sheriff Gilley. Ken Hall recommended Dawn Williams since she works with the dispatchers through Sheriff's office. Motion to appoint made by Landon Joiner; Second by Rebecca Hilman; Motion passed without opposition. Dawn will need to submit letter to the Police Jury for formal approval.
5. June 2025. Beth's baby is due in June. She will take a planned 6 week leave of absence. Will need a part time employee to fill in for her while she is gone. A dispatcher is interested in taking her spot on his off days. Need to discuss wage and see what he is willing to work for.

New Business

6. Additional Employee: With Meta moving in to our area – the work load is getting increasing dramatically. There has been a large number of requests for camp spots and that is likely to only increase. Board voted to increase rate to cover the large portion of an

additional employee's salary (\$17.50 / hr is what Board anticipates). Also Board approved for Beth to send a proposal to meta to cover cost of an employee (or even a portion).

7. Motion to Adjourn

- a. Landon Joiner made motion to adjourn meeting; Second by Rebecca Hillman; Meeting adjourned.