East Baton Rouge Fire Protection District 6
Board Minutes ***OCTOBER 13, 2026***

Board Members: R. HIGGINS, CHAIRMAN
S. GRAVES, VICE CHAIRMAN
C. MAY
R. FORT
T. STOUT

Non-Members: C. Dunn, Travis Lipscomb

All members present. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners called the meeting to order.

Reviewed the minutes of JULY 28, 2026, meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Graves seconded by Chairman Higgins, hearing no objections the motion passed.

Old Business:

1. None

A public comment period provided prior to all agenda items requiring a vote.

New Business:

1. **Resolution #26-10-01 Pass Resolution to Call Election to levy and collect 5 Mill 10 year Tax:** Pass a resolution to pass a resolution calling for the approval of the levy and collection of the 5 mill, ten (10) year, ad valorem property tax on property within the District (the "Tax") and authorizing the calling of an election on **Saturday, April 17, 2027**, for submission of the question of this millage tax to the voters of the District, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. The Tax will be for the years 2027 through 2036 (inclusive). The revenue collected in the first tax year from this renewed millage is estimated to be $351,194.50. This Tax is dedicated to fund the development, operation, staffing, and maintenance of the fire protection District including the cost of fire hydrants and obtaining water for fire protection purposes. A public comment period was provided before action was taken on the resolution. Hearing no public comments, the resolution was put to a vote and passed unanimously.
2. **Resolution #26-10-02** The resolution declares the District's 2020 Ford Explorer as surplus equipment, as the vehicle is no longer in service, and authorizes the Fire Chief to list the vehicle for sale on ShopGarage.com at market value. A public comment period was provided prior to action being taken. Hearing no public comments, the resolution was put to a vote and passed unanimously.
3. **Resolution #26-10-03** Consider authorizing the District to join the class action lawsuit against fire truck manufacturers and approve participation in the litigation. Following consideration, the resolution was put to a vote and failed to pass unanimously.
4. **Cooperative Endeavor Agreement** The Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (EBRSO) and the District was discussed. The agreement allows for the use and operation of drone equipment from Station 52, in accordance with the guidelines established in the CEA, to provide additional security resources for the District. Following discussion, the agreement was approved.
5. Chief Dunn **Announced Notice of November 17, 2026, Meeting here to pass a resolution calling for the approval of the renewal of the levy and collection of the 10 mill, ten (10) year ad valorem property tax** on property within the District (the "Tax") and authorizing the calling of an election on **Saturday, May 29, 2027**, for the submission of the Tax to the voters of the District for the years 2028 through 2037 (inclusive). The revenue collected in the first tax year of this renewed millage is estimated to be $702,389.00

Financial Report:

Chief Dunn provided the financial report a motion was made by Chairman Graves to accept and seconded by Commissioner Stout. Hearing no objections, the motion was adopted.

Chiefs Report:

1. Chief Dunn advised that the **RIC packs** had been received and placed into service. These packs are being implemented into a Parish wide RIC training program initiative to be delivered in 2027.
2. **District Social Media and Website Updates** Chief Dunn presented the District's Facebook page, designed and managed by Firefighter/Operator Paris Battley, who also serves as the District's Civil Service Representative. The page provides the public with timely information regarding District activities, including real-time updates on emergency events, public education opportunities, and other matters of public interest. Chief Dunn also presented the District's website, designed and managed by Captain Kyle Pardue, who also serves as a CPR Instructor. Recognizing the challenges associated with developing and maintaining a comprehensive website, Captain Pardue committed to improving the District's online presence rather than outsourcing the project. The website continues to evolve with content and feature developments. Chief Dunn commended both personnel for their initiative, dedication, and commitment to public service. Their efforts reflect great credit upon the District and demonstrate the value of utilizing the skills and talents of its own personnel to improve public communication, community outreach, and access to information.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Fort and seconded by Chairman Higgins. Meeting adjourned.