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SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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2023 Board of Directors

Tim Ocnaschek

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Sergeant-at-Arms 22 - 23

Matt Dulaney

Fire Director 22 - 23

Terry Morton

Fire Director 23 - 24

Tommy Wells

Industry Director 22 - 23

Scott McDonald

Industry Director 23 - 24

Donta Miller

Police Director 22 - 23

Sparky Robinson

Police Director 23 - 24

Joel Ardoin

At-Large Director 23 - 24

Stephanie Garsea

EMS Director 23 - 24

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 885th meeting of the SNCA was held on December 6, 2023 at Courville's. The meeting was hosted by Veolia WTS.

President Ocnaschek (BPD) called the meeting to order at 10:18 AM

Matt Dulaney (HCESD#6) led the membership in an invocation. Tommy Shelton (Goodyear) led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Board members not in attendance; Joel Ardoin (OCEM), Sparky Robinson (OPD).

Self-Introductions were made by those members present.

HOST WELCOME

President Ocnaschek recognized host representative Klarke Spencer, Fire Chief (Veolia WTS). Chief Spencer welcomed the membership and would provide a presentation later in the meeting.

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Ocnaschek asked for approval of the November 2023 meeting minutes sent out via email.

A motion was made by Scott McDonald (BASF) to accept the November 2023 Minutes as read and seconded by Ricky Bodin (OCESD#2), there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

President Ocnaschek told the membership that at Bosses Night several awards given out however there was a recipient not present and proceeded to recognize Pat Grimes. Pat continues to work in the Association even after retiring maintaining the Association's database. The database is critical in updating and maintain membership contact information in order that mutual aid assistance can be summoned in times of emergencies. Pat was presented a plaque....GREAT WORK PAT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE! President Ocnaschek also recognized other recipients who received award recognition on Bosses Night including Scott McDonald, Shane Thomas, and Brandon Pippen. Congratulations to all.

President Ocnaschek recognized SNCA member Billy Ted Smith on his birthday, Happy Birthday Billy Ted!!

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Ocnaschek provided an explanation regarding Jasper County ESD#4 and that agency wanting to join the Association. JCESD#4 is a Board which oversee six departments in Jasper County but is not a response agency itself. Just recently Beech Grove Volunteer FD was voted into the Association however they are one of the agencies overseen by JCESD#4. Per the SNCA Constitution there cannot be two voting members from the same organization. After discussion with JCESD#4 President and Beech Grove Fire Chief it was decided that Beech Grove would withdraw its membership and JCESD#4 would become the agency to join the Association.

Following the above explanation President Ocnaschek asked for a motion to withdraw Beech Grove Volunteer FD from the Association. A motion was made by Mark Czerwiec to withdraw Beech Grove VFD and seconded by Louie Havens (PAFD). There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

President Ocnaschek then read JCESD#4's request letter and accompanying sponsor letter to the membership.



**Jasper County Emergency
Services District No. 4**

**PO Box 395
Jasper, Texas 75951**

August 24th, 2023

To: Sabine Neches Chiefs Association Board of Directors

Please accept this letter of request for membership for Jasper County Emergency Services District 4 (JCESD 4) into the Sabine Neches Chiefs Association. JCESD 4 is located in the northern half of Jasper County, providing services to approximately 20,000 permanent residents of northern Jasper County. Our coverage area is over 400 square miles. Within our district are Sam Rayburn Reservoir, B.A. Steinhagen (Dam B) Reservoir, Angelina National Forest, many campgrounds and parks, and thousands of weekenders with part time homes.

JCESD 4 contracts with six volunteer fire departments to provide fire, rescue, and FRO medical coverage within their defined territories. The contracted volunteer fire departments are as follows:

Jasper VFD

East End VFD

Lake Rayburn VFD

Angelina River VFD

Tri-Community VFD

Beech Grove VFD

In addition and in partnership with the City of Jasper, we are contracted with Allegiance Mobile Health for emergency medical services.

In all, contracted VFD's average a cumulative total of over 1,000 calls per year. In combination with the City of Jasper, Allegiance Mobile Health averages 7,000 calls per year for emergency medical services.

Please accept this letter as a formal request to join. I am available for any questions you may have and can be reached by cell phone at 409-383-4082 (mobile) or by email at samjobsalesandconsulting@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sam Job,



Jasper County
Office of
Emergency Management & Homeland Security
P.O. Box 2030
Buna, Texas 77612
409-994-2543

July 28, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of recommendation for the nomination of Jasper County Emergency Services District #4 into the Sabine Neches Chiefs Association. As an entity within the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Committee, they wish to become a partner in SNCA. As a member of SNCA, I fully support their request to join our association and therefore bring more assets into the region.

I request the board and membership support and approve this recommendation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 409-926-4640.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Billy Ted Smith".

Billy Ted Smith
Program Manager/Coordinator
Jasper County OEM

TREASURERS REPORT:

President Ocnashek called on Secretary/Treasurer Chris Gonzales (JCESD#1) to present the Financial Report:

Beginning November Balance.....	\$ 65,359.28
Deposits..... \$ 4,300.00	
Withdrawals..... \$ (135.00)	
Ending November Balance	\$ 69,524.28
PayPal Balance.....	\$ - 0 -
Certificate of Deposit.....	\$ <u>5,187.55</u>
Combined Ending Balance	\$ 74,711.83

Trans.	Payee	Purpose	Amount
Debit Card	Juxtapose	Monthly website fee	\$ 135.00

**($\$90$ monthly fee + $\$45$ (renewal of the domain) = $\$135.00$)*

President Ocnaschek then asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurers Report, there were none. President Ocnaschek then asked for a motion and second to accept the Treasurers Report. A motion was then made by Matt Dulaney (HCESD#6) to accept the Treasurer’s Report as read and seconded by Stephanie Garsea (AEMS), there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

President Ocnaschek reminded the membership the 2024 are due January 31st or your organization will be in remiss.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chair Dulaney provided an update to the membership regarding 2023-2024 election of officers to the following positions; Fire Director, Police Director, and Industrial Director. Chair Dulaney stated there were no nominees for the open positions so he spoke with the current directors and they agreed to stay of for another term.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

(It was verified there was no media in the room)

SNCA Activations YTD – 56

Industry: None

Municipal Fire: None

Law Enforcement: None

EMS: None

Health: None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Matt Dulaney - Chairperson

No Report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Mark Czerwiec - Chairperson

No Report

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Steve Curren - Chairperson

Not present

WEBSITE: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

Chair Garsea told the membership the Website has a new look, check it out. If you have any photos pertaining to the SNCA, responses, etc. provide them to her for posting on the website. Those attendees at Bosses Night, if there were any photos taken please send to sgarsea@acadian.com.

AWARDS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

Chair Garsea shouted out a BIG Congratulations to award recipients that were recognized at Bosses night. Those receiving awards were Chief Eloy Vega, Chief Shane Thomas, Chief Brandon Pippin, Chief Scott McDonald and Pat Grimes.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

Save the Date - Friday April 26, 2024; Be looking out for the Flyer and registration at the January meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

75th Anniversary celebration is scheduled for February 9th, save the date! Invites will be sent to the Primary Members of each organization and there will be an option to purchase additional tickets. More details to come.

MARINE FIREFIGHTING, SALVAGE, AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE: Louie Havens – Chairperson – Chair Havens stated he had been attending meetings and with the increased water traffic in the local port, there is a need for water born fire equipment i.e., fire boat.

COMMUNICATIONS: Chief Eloy Vega - Chairperson

Not present

INVENTORY: Pat Grimes – Chairperson

Inventory Report

Chair Grimes told the membership to please check your agency's inventory in the database for accuracy. If you need to add any items that are not listed, please let Chair Grimes know (paalgr@gmail.com). All Voting members are **required** to have resources in the database.

Database Report

Please let Chair Grimes know if you are not receiving emails and texts from SNCA, meeting reminders are sent prior to each meeting. Also, if your primary or alternate member is changing or if you know of any organization that might be making a change, please let Chair Grimes know so that the changes can be updated in the proper email and text distribution list (paalgr@gmail.com).

It is extremely important that agency contact information is kept up to date. This list is used for informational messages and emergency notifications.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: Shaqueena Nobles - Chairperson

Jeff Phillips provided an update to various training opportunities occurring in the area.

For more training information see *Preparingtexas.org*

HOMELAND SECURITY: Jeremy Hansen – Chairperson

BOSSSES NIGHT: David Frenzel - Chairperson

Chair Frenzel told the membership that another Bosses night “was in the books”. At the recent event there was approximately 150 attendees and the event was fun for all who attended. Chair Frenzel stated next year’s Bosses Night is scheduled for the first Monday in December (12/2/24).

OIL SPILL: Tommy Wells - Chairperson

Chair Wells its year end and that for those who have gasoline powered equipment they should consider fuel additives to assure the gasoline does not go bad during winter months. Chair Wells also told the membership if you are attending the SNCA meeting you should also be attending your local LEPC meetings.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: Tim Ocnaschek - Chairperson

Chair Ocnaschek told the membership that with the current 56 mutual aid events there are times when assistance in managing the events is needed. If there is a need, contact President Ocnaschek directly.

INDUSTRIAL FIRE & SAFETY: Scott McDonald - Chairperson

Chair McDonald told the membership that the IF&S Committee’s next meeting is schedule for March 12th. Chair McDonald stated if they are an industrial member and they are not attending the meeting to contact him.

PROGRAM:

Fire Chief Spencer, Veolia provided the membership an interesting look into the operation of Veolia and the services they provide.

NEXT MEETING: The 886th meeting will be January 3, 2023, hosted by Port of Beaumont and will be held at Rockin A Cafe beginning at 10AM.

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss President Ocnaschek asked for a motion to adjourn. Jody Herrera made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Ricky Bodin. There was no opposition to the motion, motion passes. Meeting was adjourned at 11:22AM.

2024 Meetings/Hosts

TENATIVE HOST SCHEDULE FOR 2024

Meeting Host 2024	Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
Port of Beaumont	886	January 3, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Natgasoline	887	February 7, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Energy Transfer Spindletop	888	March 6, 2024	Courville's
Valero Pipeline and Logistics	889	April 3, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Jefferson County Long Term Recovery Group	890	May 1, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Port of Port Arthur	891	June 5, 2024	Carl Parker Multipurpose Center, 1800 Lakeshore Dr, Pt. Arthur
CTEH	892	July 3, 2024	TBD
DRC	893	August 7, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Golden Triangle Polymers	894	September 4, 2024	TBD
AMPOL	895	October 2, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Jasper County E.S.D. #1	896	November 6, 2024	Rockin A Cafe
Dooley Tackaberry	897	December 4, 2024	TBD