

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
CITIZEN'S DISASTE RESPONSE, RECOVERY, & REVIEW COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 25TH DAY OF JULY, 2024

The Caddo Parish Public Safety Funding Ad Hoc Committee, in conjunction with the Citizens Disaster Response, Recovery, and Review Committee, met in legal session on the above date at 1:00 p.m., in the Government Plaza Chambers, with Mr. Epperson, presiding, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Epperson, Thomas, and G. Young (3). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and J. Young (2).

Mr. Thomas gave the invocation, and Mr. Tony T. Williams led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There being no agenda additions or public comments, the Committee moved onto New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Introduction from the Public Safety Funding Committee Chair, Ken Epperson*

Mr. Epperson asked that all staff members and committee members introduce themselves.

- *Brief presentations from various stakeholders with regards to disaster recovery*

Mr. Michael Corbin, SWEPCO Representative; Mr. Tommy Mazoni, 911 Center Representative; Mr. Robert Jump, Sheriff's Office of Homeland Security; Mr. Clay Walker, representing the Parish of Caddo; and Mr. Joe Shyne, Public Service Commissioner Foster Campbell's Office provided contact information for citizens to use when disaster strikes that is relative to each organization.

- *Q&A Session from Citizens Disaster Committee Members*

Mr. Williams wanted to know if there were any long-term plans from SWEPCO regarding power outages. Mr. Corbin said that they are continuously working to get trees out of the right-of-ways, as well as other efforts to make the power grid more resilient. Mr. Epperson pointed out that if a tree is rooted on private property, but falls on public property, the Commission can only remove what's on public property.

Ms. Nancy Treadwell wanted to know who oversees pets, wildlife, and livestock when disaster strikes. Mr. Jump said that every parish must have a pet plan that is given to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness. The Louisiana Department of Agricultural & Forestry has been given the charge to oversee it. On a local scale, it exists with the Parish Homeland Security.

Ms. Belinda Rose wanted to know who is responsible for tree limbs and powerlines being down. Mr. Corbin reiterated that SWEPCO does forestry 6 days/week. He asked that downed lines be reported via the hotline or website. He suggested everyone download the SWEPCO app for information on reporting down powerlines or trees.

Mr. Tim Weaver, Public Works Director, gave the following number for citizens to contact (318) 675-2170 after hours for assistance.

Ms. Rachel Jackson wanted to know if there was a plan in place for residents who are flooded in city neighborhoods. Mr. Mizzoli said that he will provide this information to SPD Chief Smith and SFD Chief Reese and report the findings back to this committee. Mr. Epperson suggested that he also contact the City of Shreveport Public Works Department.

Mr. Tommie Giles, Executive Director of the Shreveport Volunteer Network, receives calls with regards to trees. They work directly with the Office of Homeland Security. He said that many of the concerns are communicated through Facebook. He said that they normally work from the "road to the house" on private property.

Ms. Madison Poche said that they are setting up neighborhood-based resiliency hubs where there is backup power and backup water, as well as cooling stations and heating stations, also known as the Lighthouse Projects.

Ms. Carol Moore-Smith wants to know who would collect old power poles. Mr. Corbin will reach out to her.

- *Summary & Closing Remarks: Chairman and Committee Members*

Mr. G. Young said that the organization within the City and Parish presents a challenge for emergency response. He said that 80% of the population of Caddo lives in the City of Shreveport, but the Parish of Caddo is limited in terms of what the Caddo Commission can do.

Mr. G. Young has had many conversations with SWEPCO with regards to cutting trees in

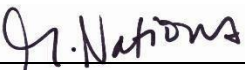
the right-of-ways. He said that the trees are constantly growing, which causes a year-long project of tree-cutting.

Mr. Thomas thanked Mr. Epperson for forming this committee. He also thanked the citizens for volunteering their time. Mr. Thomas also thanked Mr. Jump, Mr. Corbin, and all of the other agencies that are in attendance today and serving the citizens of the Parish.

Mr. Epperson asked that each presenter submit a one-page draft to the Commission Clerk's Office. This information will be put together in the form of a book. The deadline for submission is August 22, 2024.

Mr. Epperson scheduled the next committee meeting to be August 29, 2024 at 1:00 PM. It will be held in the Government Chambers.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.



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