

March 21, 2013

Mr. Layne Parnell
318 Highway 145
Downsville, LA 71234

Dear Mr. Parnell,

I know you and Mr. Willie Hendricks called for a Board of Commissioners meeting, saying you have four votes. As you are aware, the composition of the Fire District Board has recently changed. First off, the letter you received addressing Mr. Hendricks's, gives the opinion of the Attorney General's Office that nullifies his position on the Board. Secondly, I'll soon speak to Dubach's mayor in reference to Mr. John Barnett's, representative for Dubach on the Fire District Board of Commissioners, position as a commissioner, hence RS 40:1506 G.(1) regarding fire districts . . .

“The district shall be governed by a board of commissioners consisting of one representative of each subdistrict appointed by the governing body of the subdistrict. Each subdistrict representative on the board shall be a resident of the subdistrict and may be a member of the governing body of the subdistrict.”

As you know, Mr. Barnett does not live in Dubach, he lives approximately 7 miles outside of Dubach.

You all have mentioned four votes to call a meeting. You have two votes now, Mr. Aillet and yourself. After what I sent to Richard last week, I'm not so sure he will venture down the pathways with you. I mentioned Ronny Walker and Walter Pullen's shenanigans in the past, and what they've pulled.

At this point, let me say, I'm very disappointed. How many times have we offered and asked, “Please come talk to Chief Ford or myself if you have any questions or concerns.” But you have not taken advantage of that. Mr. Hilton was always willing to share information with you. Even to the point of sharing statements Ronny Walker made about budgetary items. You were even privileged to Mr. Jerry Smith's comments on the transfer of funds.

For some reason you have chosen to ignore all the things to help the Fire District. I'm not sure you have taken on the role of a good commissioner for the citizens of the parish. I'm not sure you realize how much strife you've caused everyone. Firefighters are upset and worried by yours, Willie's, and some other commissioners comments about pay and personnel. For this reason, I'm making all your comments and emails available to the firefighters of Lincoln Parish.

Needless to say, I have received many phone calls from citizens asking, “What in the world are the Commissioners trying to do?” My answer to these citizens is that not all Commissioners are doing this, just a few. It is my intention to have meetings with citizens of Lincoln Parish.

Sincerely,

Tom Thompson
Chairman

P.S. Mr. Parnell, as you are well aware the Lincoln Parish Fire District is the best in the state, and we did not get in this position by doing the things that some of you are trying to pull. Hopefully, you are aware that we've moved from a class 10 to a class 4 - that's saving our citizens 42% on homeowners. But the *greatest* achievement that we have accomplished is saving lives and property, and protecting those who matter the most... citizens of Lincoln Parish.

cc Ray Robinson
Richard Aillet
John Barnett
Mike Fulton
Willie Hendricks
Andy Shealy