

# IBERIA PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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A regular meeting of the Iberia Parish Communications District was held on **Thursday, September 24, 2026** at 10:00 a.m. at the Iberia Parish Communications District’s Emergency Communications Center with Board Chairman Leland Laseter presiding. The meeting was called to order at **10:04 a.m.** Alex Trahan conducted the roll call and a quorum was established.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Leland Laseter, Buddy Smith, Mike Vincent, Cameron Comeaux, and Greg Guardia.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Francis Dorsey

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Lance P. Provost, II and Alex Trahan

It was MOVED by Greg Guardia SECONDED by Buddy Smith that the **August 27, 2026** 911 Meeting Minutes be approved.

YEAS: Leland Laseter, Buddy Smith, Mike Vincent, Cameron Comeaux, and Greg Guardia.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Francis Dorsey.

And the motion carried.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments and none were received at this time.

## **Director’s General Report:**

- The Board Chairman contacted the Sherriff’s office regarding a nomination for their current vacant representative position. The Sheriff’s Office advised that it did not wish to submit a nomination at this time.

## **Center Operations Report:**

- The Recruit Officer hired to fill the final vacant position will be completing training soon with their final evaluation scheduled for next week.
- There were 27 reported overrings for the month of August. Of these, 22 of the reported calls occurred during the severe weather incident on August 21, 2026 which fielded a total

of 80 emergency calls simultaneously. The remaining 5 overrings occurred during periods of increased call volume while only 2 dispatchers were on duty.

#### **Systems Report:**

- The Director sought clarification from the Purchasing Officer regarding the approximately \$16,000 quote from Siemens to replace the 3 damaged locking mechanisms. At the recommendation of the Purchasing Officer, the Director is awaiting 2 additional quotes from Siemens for comparable locks.

#### **Finance Report:**

- Discussed line items with no issues to report for the Month of August.
- The Director met with the McGriff representative to review and discuss health insurance coverage option for District employees. The proposed change from the District's current plan through Parish Government is projected to result in approximately \$45,000 in savings while providing District employees with better and more affordable coverage and benefits.
- Director proposed in addition to the new insurance coverage, that the District pay for employee life insurance coverage at \$425 a year.
- The 2027 fee income projection is currently \$1.3 million, a decrease in income due to significantly less pre-paid cell phone fees and continued decrease in subscriber numbers. The Director noted that the current fund balance appears sufficient to support operations at this time and suggested reviewing the fee structure once 2027 average subscriber totals are finalized.
- In response to the Board's request, the Director presented findings from a recent compensation survey, noting that the District's pay rates are significantly lower than the average salaries of surrounding agencies. The Board discussed the need for significant adjustments to remain competitive. The Director will present a final recommendation at the next Board meeting.
- The Director discussed their intent to explore potential cost saving regarding general liability insurance coverage through VFIS Insurance.
- The Director provided an updated overview of the 2027 software pricing regarding system maintenance and upgrades to prepare and implement ESINet and NextGen services.

It was MOVED by Cameron Comeaux SECONDED by Mike Vincent to accept the Director's General Report, Center Operations Report, Systems Report and Finance Report as presented.

YEAS: Leland Laseter, Buddy Smith, Mike Vincent, Cameron Comeaux, and Greg Guardia.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Francis Dorsey.

And the motion carried.

It was MOVED by Buddy Smith SECONDED by Cameron Comeaux to strike Agenda line item's 8 and 9 as they were left from the previous agenda.

YEAS: Leland Laseter, Buddy Smith, Mike Vincent, Cameron Comeaux, and Greg Guardia.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Francis Dorsey.  
And the motion carried.

The Board Chairman discussed a need of the New Iberia Police Department to have a backup location for emergency communications in the event the Police Department's dispatch center requires evacuation. The Chairman requested the District's Emergency Communication Center be designated for these purposes. Following discussion, the Director agreed to present a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Board consideration at the next meeting.

There being no further business, it was MOVED by Buddy Smith SECONDED by Greg Guardia to adjourn the meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission will be held on **Thursday, October 15, 2026** at 10:00 a.m. at the Iberia Parish Communications District's Emergency Communications Center, 1111 Ember Dr. New Iberia, LA 70560.