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OPCD Director William Hawkins Retires

Executive Director William A. Hawkins announced his retirement at the OPCD Board Meeting November 14, 2006. Appointed in 1998 he has previously served as General Counsel to the District since 1987. He was instrumental in drafting the legislation that created the District. Mr. Hawkins has served two consecutive terms as Vice President of the State chapter of the National Emergency Number Association. He drafted and helped secure passage of legislation making OPCD the first Communication District in Louisiana to collect a service charge on wireless telephones. Deputy Director Dan Gilbert was appointed by the Board of Commissioners as Interim Director. The Board is conducting a nationwide search for a new Executive Director.

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