

Board Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of Ward Six Fire Protection District No. One held a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at Fire Station No. Two, located 108 Marcantel Road, DeQuincy, Louisiana.

The following members were present: Robert Cholley, President, Charley Jones, Vice President, Board Member and George Mitchell. Scott Kyle was absent.

Fire Chief Todd Parker, Lieutenant Desire'e Amrine, and Firefighter Kirkland Mullen were also present at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Cholley, pledge and prayer followed. Roll call was given with the results being as outlined above.

Mr. Cholley asked if there was any public input on any of the agenda items. There was none.

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Mitchell and carried unanimously that the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 12, 2024 be approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Mitchell and carried unanimously that the minutes of the special meeting held on February 24, 2024 be approved.

Update on insurance: application fee for the tower insurance was paid this week. Chief Parker updated the Board of the following insurance fees which were approved at a special meeting held on February 24, 2025.

Commercial Property \$69,501.92

Auto \$41,883.00

Commercial Management Liability \$12,290.57

Communications Tower \$9,166.00

Total 2025 Insurance Cost: \$132,841.49

Louisiana State Monroe got a grant for 50 National Weather Service sites to be set up throughout the state in rural areas. They have asked to put a 30 ft tower on our property. It would be a 36in X 36in area. In doing so, we would have access to information gathered that would aid in emergency responses.

We currently have 2 full-time firefighters, 21 active volunteer firefighters, 10 part-time firefighters, 6 non-suppression support members and 7 fire explorers. The department responded to 14 calls during the month of January. Hurricane Laura & Wildfire Reimbursement Updates: We are still waiting on all projects to be closed out for Hurricane Laura and our remaining reimbursement to be sent to us by the state. We are also still waiting on reimbursement for our wildfire response during 2023. We have no update. The travel trailer sold for \$10,601.00 at auction. The buyer has picked up the trailer and it has been removed from our insurance policy. Three firefighters and Chief Parker attended a training class sponsored by ExxonMobil Pipelines at TEEX in College Station Texas on February 21st and 22nd. Lt Amrine was injured while on an emergency call and is currently on light duty. All required paperwork has been filed with Workers Compensation and insurance. I am currently in discussion with LRC to provide space on our communications tower for a high speed FullAir Wireless internet antenna, in exchange for providing the department with internet service free of charge. This will save the department approximately \$100.00 per month on our BrightSpeed phone and internet plan. Our members have logged a total of 681 training hours during 2025. The volunteers of Ward 6 Fire continue to serve the community with pride, teamwork, and excellence. I am proud to work for each one of them.

Mr. Cholley asked if there were any other matters for consideration. Chief Parker stated he had two items to discuss.

Chief Parker stated that last week the fire Department responded to a fire on Hollie Lane. Ruts were made in the yard from fire trucks. We will be getting 3 or 4 yards of dirt hauled in to fix the ruts.

Chief Parker stated that himself and Lt. Amrine will be out of town at fire school for the next Board Meeting. He asked if the Board Members would be okay with moving the Board meeting up a week earlier.

A motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously to move April's meeting to April 2, 2025 at 7pm.

There being no other matters, a motion was made by Mr. Cholley, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously that the meeting be adjourned.

Robert M. Cholley

ROBERT CHOLLEY, PRESIDENT

Desire'e Amrine

DESIRE'E AMRINE, SECRETARY TO THE BOARD