

Board Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of Ward Six Fire Protection District No. One held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 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 Members Scott Kyle, George Mitchell and Jimmie Robison.

Fire Chief Todd Parker, Assistant Chief Gary Underwood, Captain Loy Bader, and Lieutenant Desire'e Amrine 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.

Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Jones, and carried unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on August 13, 2025 be approved.

Review and approve 2026 employee salary.

Motion was made by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Robison, and carried unanimously to enter into executive session at 7:14pm to discuss employee salary.

Motion was made by Mr. Cholley, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, and carried unanimously to exit executive session at 7:30pm.

Motion was made by Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, and carried unanimously to approve a 4% increase to the Fire Lieutenant position.

Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, and carried unanimously to approve a 3% increase to the Fire Chief position.

Motion was made by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Robison, and carried unanimously to approve a \$100 per month increase to the Officer positions.

Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Kyle, and carried unanimously to approve a \$1.00 increase to the volunteer firefighter call pay.

Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Jones, and carried unanimously to approve a \$0.50 increase to the Part Time Firefighter pay.

We currently have 2 full-time firefighters, 17 active volunteer firefighters, 9 part-time firefighters, 4 non-suppression support members and 6 fire explorers. The department responded to 44 calls during the month of August. The department has responded to a total of 254 emergency calls during 2025. 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. Notified by the state that reimbursement for the Tiger Island wildfire is in and we have supplied the vendor number for them to send a check. We submitted reimbursement of \$29,074.54. We were told this was reimbursable up to 75%. Our estimate of reimbursement \$21,805.90. Engine 17 failed pump test and was sent for evaluation at Bonaventure. Fuel injectors had to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$7,500.00. Upon repair the engine passed pump test; however, it began to run hot. Evaluation showed a new water pump and thermostat were needed at an estimated \$1,800.00. Chief Parker approved the repairs to be made. A/C is not working in Service 6 and repair will be scheduled upon completion of repairs to E-17. 10 portable radios have been ordered from Motorola using the riverboat gaming grant funds. Ward 6 will be the host for the upcoming 3rd Annual SWLA Volunteer Firefighter Academy which will begin on September 23, 2025. We have (4) attending the Academy. Chief Parker will be instructing at TEEX Sept. 20 & 21. Two of our (4) Gas detectors have failed and the repair cost is more than new detectors; we have a grant request in for new detectors. We will also start an Instructor II Certification course for our officers; curriculum has been purchased. Our members have logged a total of 2146 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.

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



ROBERT CHOLLEY, PRESIDENT



DESIRE'E AMRINE, SECRETARY TO THE BOARD