

Board Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of Ward Six Fire Protection District No. One held a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at Fire Station No. Two, located 108 Marcantel Road, DeQuincy, Louisiana.

The following members were present: Robert “Bobby” Cholley, Vice President, Board Members Sara McDaniel, Charley Jones and George Mitchell.

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.

A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously that Mr. Cholley be elected as President. A motion was made by Mr. Cholley, seconded by Mrs. McDaniel and carried unanimously that Mr. Jones be elected as Vice President. A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Mitchell and carried unanimously that Mrs. Desire’e Amrine be elected as Secretary - Treasurer.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on December 11, 2024 be approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Cholley and carried unanimously to continue using DeQuincy News as our Official Journal for 2025.

A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Cholley, and carried unanimously to adopt the 2025 CPPJ Human Resource Manual excluding sections 5.1, 5.2, 6.1, 6.3B, 6.3C, and 7.3.

We currently have 1 full-time firefighters, 22 active volunteer firefighters, 8 part-time firefighters, 4 non-suppression support members and 7 fire explorers. The department responded to 40 calls during the month of December. The department has responded to a total of 441 emergency calls during 2024. 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. The travel trailer is currently listed on GovDeals auction site. Bidding closes tomorrow afternoon. Bids are up to \$9,900.00 and our reserve is set at \$10,000. Engine 7 had repairs completed on fuel system by Mid-South Cummins (\$1,684.33). Wheel seals are going to be replaced by Finishline when the parts come in. The Ward 6 Christmas Firefighter Appreciation Dinner was held Saturday, December 14, 2024. Recognized Roy Arrant for his years of service on the Board. Awards were also presented to the following: FF of the Year – Gary Underwood, Recruit FF of the Year – Tad McDaniel, Part Time FF of the Year – Anthony Peshoff Jr., Most Emergency Calls – Gary Underwood, Most Meetings – Todd Goleman, Pride, Teamwork, Excellence awards – Sara McDaniel, Tad McDaniel, Kirk Mullen, and Landon Kennon. Civic Service Award – Lorraine Clark. Our members have spent almost 2,000 hours on emergency calls alone, 6,500 hours with emergency calls and training combined during 2024. Our members have logged a total of 4589.8 training hours during 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously to enter into executive session to discuss the Fire Chief position.

Executive session adjourned. Public meeting resumes.

A motion was made by Mr. Cholley, seconded by Mrs. McDaniel and carried unanimously to provisionally appoint Todd Parker as the full time Fire Chief effective January 20, 2025. Chief Parker agreed to the appointment and signed the attached job offer sheet from the Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Mitchell and carried unanimously to enter into executive session to discuss a volunteer prospective member.

Executive session adjourned. Public meeting resumes.

Mr. Cholley asked if there were any other matters for consideration.

Chief Parker stated that he had a few items to discuss.

Chief Parker requested the board to consider the purchase of 3 tablets and 1 cell phone from AT&T First Net. These items will allow firefighters to access our Fireworks software on scene of emergencies and aid with investigations, preplans, gathering information, and more. The estimated cost would be around \$300 a month.

There being no public input, a motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of 3 tablets and 1 cell phone from AT&T First Net.

Mrs. Sara McDaniel gave her resignation to the board effective January 9, 2025.

Chief Parker introduced Kirkland Mullen and his daughter Sydney Mullen to the board. Sydney is a fire explorer for W6FD and Kirkland is a volunteer that came from DQFD and joined W6FD to be with his daughter. Chief Parker thanked them for attending our board meeting.

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



CHARLEY JONES, VICE PRESIDENT



DESIRE'E AMRINE, SECRETARY TO THE BOARD