

DeSoto Fire District #2
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2025

Donnie Fisher called the public meeting to order at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 14, 2025. Present, in addition to the Chairman were Kenny Sanchez, Terri Burford, Chad Burford, John Lindsley & Kevin Coleman.

No public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm

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Chief Report was brought forward to the board by Chief Coleman. The idea of three (3) full-time firefighters was presented to the board to start with and work toward more full-time as needed; the hiring process should start in the next few months. Insurance benefits were discussed but nothing was voted on, will be discussed further in February. A turbo went out in a fire truck, which should be fixed in a couple of days. One of our cardiac monitors cannot be serviced, it was bought through BoundTree but unknowingly did not come from the USA. The monitor can still be used and kept in the chief's truck but will be replaced in the future for the other truck. The hydrants have all been inspected, and pump tests, hose tests, and ladder tests will start shortly. Chief Coleman informed the board that he wants to train the three (3) new full-time employees himself instead of sending them to an academy. Station 3 heat is out, in Gloster, and needs to be repaired to get through the winter, will have to be replaced in the future; the A/C works great.

Additions to the agenda: Chad made the motion, Kenny 2nd, all in favor.

1. Elect chairman and treasurer/secretary.

Terri nominated Donnie for chairman, John 2nd, all in favor.

Kenny nominated Chad for secretary/treasurer, John 2nd, all in favor.

2. Approval of November minutes, Terri the motion, Kenny 2nd, all in favor.

3. Adopt the 2025 budget, Terri made the motion, and Kenny 2nd, all in favor.

4. Approval of November/December financials, Chad made the motion, John seconded, all in favor.

New business: Kevin is to be added to the bank account with the understanding that one board member will be required to sign checks in addition to Kevin OR Stacie. John made the motion, Kenny 2nd, all in favor. LAMP (Louisiana Asset Management Pool) accounts were discussed. The board discussed putting an agreed-upon amount in a CD and the remainder agreed-upon amount in a LAMP account but will do more research and discuss the LAMP account at the meeting in February. Chad motioned to deposit one million five hundred thousand dollars in a CD at Community Bank, John 2nd, all in favor. Chief proposed purchasing brand-new radios and portables, approximately \$60,000.00, Kenny made the motion, Terri 2nd, all in favor.

No old business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.