

DeSoto Fire District #2
3828 Hwy 171, Gloster, LA 71030

Public Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2026

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 PM

Call to Order

Chairman Donnie Fisher called the public meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Board Members Present

- Donnie Fisher, Chairman
- Chad Burford
- Terri Burford
- Lane Steadman

Public Comments

None.

Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

None.

Approval of Previous Minutes and Financials

Chad Burford made a motion to approve the June financials, excluding the ad valorem tax item. Lane Steadman seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members in favor.

Terri Burford made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Lane Steadman seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members in favor.

Old Business

The Board discussed the condition of the old truck. Ronni is unable to repair the truck, and Chief Coleman requested that the Board consider purchasing a new Chief's truck, with the current Chief's truck being reassigned to replace the old Sprint truck.

All Star Ford provided pricing under the state contract. The Board discussed both the Ford F-150 and F-250 models and agreed to purchase an F-150 for approximately \$47,000.

The Board also discussed purchasing through a Baton Rouge dealership; however, that dealership indicated that trucks would not be available for approximately six months. The Board agreed to purchase locally from All Star Ford in Stonewall.

Lane Steadman made a motion to approve the purchase. Terri Burford seconded the motion. The motion was carried with all members in favor.

New Business

Insurance Renewal

The Board discussed estimates for the upcoming insurance renewal. After reviewing the available options, the Board decided to use Louisiana Insurance rather than Bernard Insurance due to the lower cost.

Chad Burford made a motion to approve the insurance renewal through Louisiana Insurance. Terri Burford seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members in favor.

LAMP Investment Funds

The Board discussed the District's current LAMP investment funds. Terri Burford requested that the Board consider moving the current funds from LAMP to Bonvenue Public Money or Bonvenue CDARS.

The Board discussed the available options and interest rates and agreed to move \$525,000 from LAMP to CDARS through Bonvenue for a 26-week term at an interest rate of 3.85%.

Terri Burford made a motion to approve the transfer. Lane Steadman seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members in favor.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.