

**DeSoto Fire District #2**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**September 13, 2022**

Chairman Shephard Fields called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:31pm on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. The opening prayer was said by Chairman Fields with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to follow. Present, in addition to the Chairman, were Board Commissioners Donnie Fisher, Kenny Sanchez, Chad Burford & Jeff Zeigler, as well as other members of the community.

Fields opened the meeting to public comments where one applicant was present and spoke on behalf of his interest in the fire chief position. Guest speaker Ryan Todtenbier, from TCBT, presented the 2021 audited financial statements.

Kenny Sanchez suggested a clothing allowance that will allow firefighters to use a set amount at Ranchland in order to help maintain their public appearance and representation of the district. A motion was made by Jeff Ziegler and seconded by Donnie Fisher for Sanchez & Timmy McInnis to get a price from Ranchland and present a budget for said allowance which will be submitted at next month's regularly scheduled meeting.

The August minutes were approved, a motion made by Chad with Fisher seconding the motion. No adjustments were made to the minutes, and all were in favor of the motion.

Maura Gardner presented financial statements to which Fisher made a motion to approve and Zeigler seconded, all were in favor. A discussion was made to reach out to DFD2 insurance holder about a fidelity bond and that a sales tax exemption certificate is needed on hand for credit card purchases.

A notice was read, by Secretary Stacie Crocker, for the announcement of the public meeting for the election of the millage renewal.

Timmy McInnis submitted the September chief report that showed a total of 39 calls for assistance in August. Also stated in the report were station updates: Mulching & concrete were completed at the Gloster station and the septic tank is complete and has been inspected. A cell phone booster was installed at the Depot Rd station and cleaning has begun for EMS to move in. AC units were serviced at the Gloster, Shiloh & Depot Road stations and FIRESERVE started inspecting fire hydrants. Batteries were replaced in Tanker 2 last month and two (2) trucks in Gloster are waiting to be looked at. Fence prices were discussed for the property at the Gloster station and a discussion was made to get quotes for the generator as well.