

**Minutes of the DeSoto Parish EMS Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

The DeSoto EMS Board of Commissioners held a regular Board meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at DeSoto EMS Central Station at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vidler at 5:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Arbuckle, and Magee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were Chairman James Vidler, Vice-Chairman Rodney Arbuckle and Dr. Stacey Henderson. Board Member present via ZOOM was Kimberly Adams. Board Members David Caston, Dennis Reed, and LaTarsha Shelton were absent.

Guests attending were: Administrator Joe Magee, Assistant Administrator Karl Mann, Melonie Confair, Medical Director Dr. Pat McGaully, Attorney Rhys Burgess, Paramedics Mike Williams and Kenneth Wilcher.

There were no public comments.

Motion to amend the agenda and discuss changing the Board meeting time or date. Motion by Arbuckle, second by Henderson, with all ayes.

The motion to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2021, Board Meeting with no corrections was made by Arbuckle. It was seconded by Henderson. Motion carried with all ayes.

The financial reports: current bank balances, income-expenses, and budget vs. actual were presented by Magee. A motion to accept them was made by Henderson, and Arbuckle seconded the motion. The motion carried by all ayes.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Arbuckle. The motion was seconded by Henderson. All ayes carried the motion.

Old Business:

The new Medic unit 16 was picked up in July and is in service.

The 4X4 Ford truck was picked up, and has been put in service.

New Business:

A motion was made by Henderson to move forward with the agreement between DeSoto EMS and McNew Architecture for the vehicle maintenance building. And to get bids. Motion was second by Arbuckle, with all ayes.

New Business continued

There was a motion made by Arbuckle and second by Henderson to renew the Bridgefield Summit workers compensation policy for 8-20-21 to 8-20-22. Motion carried with all ayes.

A Motion was made to renew the VFIS insurance policy by Arbuckle, with Henderson seconding it. The motion carried with all ayes.

A motion was made to allow EMS to move forward with the setup of a deferred compensation savings plan with AIG. The motion was made by Arbuckle, second by Henderson with all ayes.

Motion to adopt the Louisiana Compliance questionnaire for fiscal year 2020-2021 audit. Motion by Henderson, second by Adams with all ayes approving it.

A motion to approve the Stryker Procure service agreements for PowerLoads, PowerCots, LifePak monitor/defibrillators, and LUCAS chest compression devices. The total is \$164,681.60 from 8-1-21 to 7-31-2025 with annual payments of \$41,170.40. Motion was made by Arbuckle, second by Henderson. Motion carried with all ayes.

The Board members present suggested to get with the ones not present and see if a new time or day that would work better for them.

The motion to adjourn at 5:52 p.m. was made by Henderson and seconded by Adams. All ayes carried the motion.

James Vidler
Chairman

Rodney Arbuckle
Board Member