

OSAGE BEACH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2026

Present: Director Tony Cicerelli, Director Kevin McRoberts

Also Present: Fire Chief Berardi, Attorney Ellsworth, Assistant Chief Stafford, Fire Marshal Nicholson, Board Secretary Wimberley

Director Cicerelli called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Public Comment:

None.

Consent Agenda:

Director McRoberts made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Cicerelli seconded the motion, all in favor. Approved. Motion passed.

New Business:

Fire Chief Berardi requested the Board's approval to surplus the old generator from Station 2, which was recently replaced. Director McRoberts made a motion to approve the surplus of the generator. Director Cicerelli seconded the motion, all in favor. Approved. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Berardi requested the Board's approval to hire Kannon Neros for a firefighter/ EMT position following the completion of all requirements. The hire will fill the vacancy created by Alex Duley's transfer to Fire Prevention. Director McRoberts made a motion to approve the hire. Director Cicerelli seconded the motion, all in favor. Approved. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Berardi presented the Board with a quote for a new VOIP phone system for the District and requested the Board's approval of the same. Director McRoberts made a motion to approve the quote. Director Cicerelli seconded the motion, all in favor. Approved. Motion passed.

Discussion held regarding 2027 budget initiatives and dates for budget workshop. Informational only.

Reports:

Assistant Chief Stafford's report was accepted as submitted.

Fire Marshal Nicholson's report was accepted as submitted, and further reported that with an additional inspector, they have been able to increase inspections and are catching up on annual inspections.

Fire Chief Berardi reported that multiple notices had been given to the owners of Osage Village Inn regarding their fire alarm system that does not directly alert the fire department to any alarms, and that their intention would be to give them a few more days and then go in and advise them to shut down due to the failure of the fire alarm system. Discussion was held regarding this plan, and the Board directed Chief Berardi to contact the contractor who is supposed to be repairing the system to determine the status of repairs. Further, Chief Berardi and Attorney Ellsworth to draft a letter giving the owners 5 days to fix the alarm system, and if not repaired by then, then to take the appropriate measures in requiring a fire watch or closing the business.

Board of Directors had nothing additional to report.

Roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:25 p.m.: Director Cicerelli – yes; Director McRoberts – yes.

General meeting reconvened at 4:39 p.m.

Documents for Board signature were presented and executed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors is October 20, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Approved by:

Date: _____

Prepared by: Miranda Wimberley