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Louisiana Board of Ethics
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Re: Louisiana Board of Ethics Docket No. 2021-004

Another concern has arisen about Joe Magee serving on the board of DeSoto Fire District #2. In the near future another Cooperative Endeavor Agreement will be created between DeSoto Parish Emergency Medical Services and DeSoto Fire District #2, whereby the vehicle maintenance operation of DeSoto EMS will be moved to the bay area of the Depot Road station of DFD2. The bay is available because all of our vehicles and equipment moved to the Highway 5 station constructed by the December 2019 CEA between the two entities.
Joe Magee, Administrator of DeSoto EMS, and Noel Tucker, Fire Chief of DFD2, will meet with an attorney and draft the details of the new CEA which will then be presented to the two boards for approval and adoption.

The present Board members of DFD2 feel that this again creates a conflict of interest for Mr. Magee. Our concerns about this appointment were expressed to Keatchie Mayor Travis Whitfield before Mr. Magee was appointed. Mayor Whitfield told me that he had spoken with an Ethics Board attorney and was told that Mr. Magee could serve, but would need to recuse himself. DeSoto Fire District 2 board members decided to request our own opinion since Mayor Whitfield had no actual knowledge of the details of the CEA between the Fire Department and DeSoto Emergency Medical Services.

Thank you for your consideration of our request for an opinion.

Sincerely,

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