

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2
DECEMBER 21, 2023**

1. Call to Order and establish quorum

This meeting is being recorded electronically, and a copy of the recording can be made available to anyone requesting such under the Public Information Act.

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.
- A quorum was established; all commissioners present.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge to U.S. and Texas flags

4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- A member of the Aquilla VFD mentioned that he has been asked to help reform the rescue team in the county. They will have numerous rescue capabilities: swift water, dive, tracking, grain silo, structural collapse, and extrication rescue.

5. Consent Agenda: Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Pay Bills

- A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Jimmy Lehmann, seconded by Kevin Bragg and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Receive monthly report from CareFlite

- Reports were presented by CareFlite personnel.
- No action was taken, for informational purposes.

7. Receive monthly report from AEL

- AEL personnel were not able to attend so no report was presented.

8. Distribute handheld radios to assigned VFDs in attendance.

- Radios were distributed to those departments in attendance.
- After the meeting, Tad will attend the ESD #1 meeting and try and distribute the remainder of the radios.

9. Report on facilities. Discuss with possible action

- Whitney – Hilco reported they should be working on moving the water line soon.
- Hubbard – Nothing to report
- Itasca – Because of a power surge, a new refrigerator was bought. Surge protectors have been installed.
- Hillsboro – Work has begun on the sign and porch covers. Lights will be installed at the porches, on each corner of the building, at the peak and at the sign out front.
- FM 67 Covington – Nothing to report
- Abbott – Nothing to report

10. Discuss and consider submitting required annual report to the Division of Emergency Management (due January 1)

- A motion to approve submitting the annual report to the Division of Emergency Management was made by Kevin Bragg, seconded by Bob Stahl and the motion passed unanimously.

11. Report on County Eclipse meeting and ESD#2/CareFlite contingency plans for eclipse event

- A meeting was held on December 14th that discussed and updated those in attendance on plans and events around the county.
- CareFlite is preparing and will have two extra ambulances in the county if they should be needed. There are also two Johnson County ambulances available if needed. If traffic is an issue, helicopters will be used to transport patients.
- Chris with Emergency Management discussed that the city and county are researching and speaking with other areas who have held eclipse events in the past. The places have all noted that spectators have all been “nice” and they did not have additional crime. The City of Hillsboro will have numerous events going on throughout the weekend and resources might be needed from the county in order to assist them. If needed, the hospital will have resources available to help treat the less serious injuries.

12. Discuss and consider exploring the purchase of ambulance(s) by the District

- Discussion was held on the possibility of purchasing 1-2 ambulances and leasing them back to CareFlite. An average ambulance costs around \$400,000.
- A motion to approve exploring the purchase of ambulances by the district was made by Alan Nisbet, seconded by Jimmy Lehmann and the motion passed unanimously.

13. Discuss and consider initiation of lawsuit against Salt Ridge Properties LLC and Colby Grady, General Contractor

- ESD #2 has spent approximately \$60,000 to finish the Hillsboro station. The commissioners discussed the possibility of hiring the Allensworth firm to file suit against Colby Grady and Salt Ridge Properties, LLC. It was also discussed trying to recoup the money paid to him for the delay days.
- A motion to approve Tad discussing, with the Allensworth firm, filing suit against Salt Ridge Properties, LLC and Colby Grady was made by Bob Stahl, seconded by Jimmy Lehmann and the motion passed unanimously.

14. Discuss and consider Commissioners’ terms of office expiring at end of year

- Alan Nisbet, Jimmy Lehmann and Kevin Bragg’s terms expire at the end of the year. All agreed to serve another term. Tad will inform Judge Lewis they are up for reappointment.

15. Set date, location, and time of next meeting or workshops

- The next meeting is January 16th at 5:30pm at the current location.

16. Adjourn

- 6:12pm

Dated this the 21st day of December 2023.


Kevin Bragg, Secretary
Emergency Services District No. 2
Hill County, Texas