

**Limestone County Emergency Services District #2  
October 16, 2023 – Meeting Minutes**

**A quorum was present and Paul Loeffler called the meeting to order.**

**Attendees:** ESD Board members present included: John Beall, Randy Behringer, Doug Potts and Charles Eastburn. Members from WLLVFD included: Robert Moore, Cathy Rayburn, Sherry Solis, Adam Collette and Ernie Solis.

**Citizens Comments:** There were no citizens' comments.

**Reading and approval of minutes:** Randy motioned to approve the minutes of the September meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's report:** The end of year report was reviewed (see attachment). The annual audit process was been initiated. \$157,200.00 will be moved from the checking account to the Apparatus Fund. No motion was required as then had previously been scheduled for the end of our fiscal year. John will have a pre-engagement conversation with the Coveller and Peeler Law Firm to discuss the possibility of that firm drafting a contract between the ESD and WLLVFD.

**Service Provider's Report:** There were 15 calls for response during the month. Six calls were for emergency medical response and nine calls for fire response. The average response time from dispatch to enroute was five minutes. There were three mutual aid responses from other departments and WLLVFD requested mutual aid in two instances. The Fire Chief recognized the responsiveness of WLLVFD members citing they more members of WLLVFD participated than all other departments combined.

**Apparatus up-date:** Apparatus 2508 has been re-equipped for sale after the brakes were repaired. The department received radios (which provide improved reception) previously used by Limestone County. All apparatus are operational.

**WLLVFD training:** First responders practiced various fire hose streaming techniques. Ten members completed the 4.5-hour training session.

**WLLVFD uniforms:** First responders will be provided with one uniform for special events, two polo shirts, one pair of pants, one belt and one pair of tactical boots at an estimated total cost of \$7,000.00.

**WLLVFD organizational items:** There will be five designated non-responder (Associate) positions that will be allowed to vote on department matters. The positions will provide direct support for those trained as First Responders. An election was conducted and the following positions were confirmed: Fire Chief- Robert Moore, Vice President – Jonathan Griffin, Captain – Debbie Gerrard, and Secretary Kelly Whitten. The President and Treasure positions were not on this year's ballot.

**Grant activity:** The department received a \$5,000.00 grant from VFIS (Insurance broker) a purchase supporting health and safety. The department will use the monies for the installation of the extractor (uniform cleaning machine).

**Equipment recall:** WLLVFD received notification of a recall for AEDs. The four replacements units have arrived.

**Fund-raising and benevolence:** On October 28 at the Cowboy Club in Mexia, a benevolence Fund event will be held to aid in providing monies to first responders injured in the line of duty. WLLVFD's Fish Fry will be held on October 21.

**Apparatus Replacement Plan:** The goal is to reduce the department's fleet to six apparatus. The Fire Chief Paul made a motion to purchase the available Pierce engine for \$465,000.00. The motion was seconded and failed to pass. Later Charles reconsidered his original vote and made a motion to purchase the available apparatus for \$465,00.00. The motion was seconded and passed by a 4 to 1 margin.

Continuance to serve on ESD: Paul, John, Doug and Charles will remain on the Board for the coming year. Randy decided not to re-new his term.

**Next meetings:** November 16 and December 14 are scheduled for up-coming meetings.

**Adjournment:** Charles made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Approved: Charles Eastburn