

Limestone County Emergency Services District #2
Commissioners' meeting Minutes
November 16, 2021

Opening: A quorum was present and Paul Loeffler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending members were: John Beall and Charles Eastburn. Attendees from WLLVFD were David Nobles, Lesa Nobles and Warren Miller. Guests included two members of the Thornton VFD, Joseph Gresham and David Miller.

Citizens comments: The guests from Thornton's VFD were appreciative of being contacted about the potential gift of an Avalanche SUV.

Motion: Paul submitted the following motion: "...that the ESD#2 Board of Commissioners accept the recommendation of the WLLVFD that the 2011 Tahoe be retained and the 2007 Avalanche be donated to the Thornton VFD." The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Thornton VFD will provide WLLVFD with wild land gear in token for the donation.

Reading of the minutes and approval: Paul made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: At the end of October the checking account balance was \$6,218.79. The Apparatus Fund had \$336,589.30, the Equipment Replacement Fund had \$3,501 and the Facilities Fund had \$3501.00. During the month expenses totaled \$17,600.00 We received a check from the State Comptroller's office for \$22.89. The Board members anticipate a significantly larger check for the collection of sales taxes due to the ESD. We will review the amount that is received for up-coming months and follow-up with the Comptroller's office to determine if there are unknown issues.

Report from Services Provider: WLLVFD's Annual Awards Banquet will be held at Billy B's Café at 6:30 p.m. on December 7. Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMUS) offers a provision allowing volunteers to be paid for deployment to fire wild land fires. The organization provides specific training in order to enhance what is typically provided by volunteer fire departments. WLLVFD can apply for equipment, which would be committed for use in a mutual aid event. \$12,000.00 training can be awarded based on the number of points earned by volunteers of a particular VFD. In the event of a deployment, WLLVFD would pay for the first three days of lodging, food and travel, which would be reimbursed at the end of the deployment. From the fourth day of deployment and beyond, TIFMUS would cover those expenses. Paul made a motion that the ESD support WLLVFD in pursuing participation with TIFMUS' program. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Funding requests: WLLVFD direct payments and reimbursements covering fuel for October and monies for the stipend awards (\$5000.00 –Budgeted amount).

Activity report: WLLVFD responded to 18 calls during the month. Ten of the calls were medical responses and eight were for fires. The average response time was 11 minutes for the medical calls and 23 minutes for the fire calls. One large fire required ten hours on the scene on LCR 788.

Training: A total of 45 personnel hours were completed at the County Fairgrounds for Water Shuttle training. The current round of EMR classes has been completed.

Treasurer's report: The checking balance at the end of October was \$14,375.82.

Grants: WLLVFD received 15 sets of bunker gear from the Texas Forest Service by way of the Helping Hands organization. Texas Forest Service denied a grant application for a large truck chassis. The Tools and Equipment portion of the application is on hold. WLLVFD's older gear will be donated to the Shiloh VFD. A grant from the Texas Forest Service for training was approved which must be spent before April 1, 2022. The plan is to use the monies for Mannequin Training Software. The ESD will write a check for the software and will be reimbursed once the grant monies are received.

Apparatus Report: A Briggs & Stratton generator was ordered and should be delivered within one week. An electrician in WLLVFD will install the 20-kilowatt propane-fired generator.

All equipment is operational. There is no delivery date set for the tender in Ohio. Winterization is in progress for all equipment.

Insurance up-date: Liability limits on various assets were adjusted with our carrier, VFIS. Buildings were covered with "guaranteed replacement cost" provisions. The newly acquired Suburban (2502) will be covered for \$20,000.00.

Adjournment: Randy made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.