

**Limestone County Emergency Services District #2  
Regular Meeting -August 16, 2022**

A quorum was present. Paul Loeffler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending members were John Beall and Charles Eastburn. Members Randy Denzer and Randy Behringer were absent. Attendees from WLLVFD included Warren Miller, Carl Schrier, Carol Schrier, Dan Mills, Sherry Solis and Sheryl Davis.

**Citizens' comments:** There were no citizen comments.

**Reading and approval of the minutes:** John made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's report:** July ended with a checking account balance of \$96,107.27. Expenses for the month totaled \$9,995.77. The sales tax revenue was \$12,998.25. The balance of the Apparatus, Equipment and Facilities Funds were \$3,605.10, \$3,503.10 and \$3,503.10 respectively. These three funds will be added to prior to September 30 (end of current fiscal year). The Treasurer developed a draft of an Investment Policy that will be reviewed at the next Board meeting and subsequently reviewed by the Carlson Law Firm.

**Service Provider's report:**

**Responses:** WLLVFD responded to 26 calls during the month. There were 26 calls for fires, 16 calls for emergency medical response and seven mutual aid calls. The average response time for emergency medical calls was seven minutes and the average response time for fire calls was 12 minutes and 26 seconds.

**Equipment inventory:** WLLVFD is working to complete the annual equipment inventory. The Board requested that the completed Equipment Inventory document be presented at the September ESD Board meeting in order to be in compliance with the contract between the ESD and WLLVFD. The new extractor for cleaning firefighter clothing will be in a location that meets National Fire Protection Association standards.

**Apparatus:** All apparatus are operational. Tires for two vehicles were purchased for a total of \$1,830.00. An additional \$80.00 was spent to repair other tires.

**Training:** There was no training completed during the month.

**WLLVFD Treasurer's report:** The end of the month checking account balance was \$16,865.92.

**Five – year Strategic Plan and Capital Spending Committee:** Additional work is needed to complete a draft for Board review.

**WLLVFD Organizational and contractual issues:** The Fire Chief notified an available group of WLLVFD officers and the ESD President that he has accepted an additional job and would only be in the District approximately 50% of each month. His anticipated schedule would alternate with two weeks in the District and two weeks out of the District. It was reported that Assistant Fire Chief would serve in the Current Fire Chief's capacity during the Fire Chief's absence. After hearing this report, Charles requested that the Board Commissioners go into an Executive Session related to this personnel issue. At the conclusion of the Executive Session and a return to the regular meeting, the Board

stated that Assistant Chief Warren Miller would be referred to as the Acting Fire Chief whenever the current Fire Chief was performing his additional job outside the District. Additionally, the Board requested that since the WLLVFD had not met to openly discuss the viability of the new arrangement that they should meet with the Fire Department's membership to assess whether the new arrangement will function to meet the requirements of the Fire Department and serve the community appropriately. In summary, the Board has concerns that this arrangement will be a viable solution.

**Establishment of Proposed Tax Rate:** John Beall made a motion to establish the Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.0385 per \$100.00 of property valuation for 2022. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A special meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 30 at 6:30 pm. for a Public Hearing to discuss the \$0.0385 per \$100.00 Proposed Tax Rate for 2022 and to receive input from the citizens of the district. At 7:00 p.m. on the same evening, a Special Board Meeting will be held to consider public input and to adopt the Tax Rate for 2022.

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

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