

**Limestone County ESD #2  
Minutes for Special Meeting  
August 30, 2022**

A Quorum was present and Paul Loeffler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending members were John Beall, Randy Denzer, and Charles Eastburn. Randy Behringer was absent. WLLVFD members present included. Acting Fire Chief Warren Miller, Carol Schrier, Carl Schrier, Lesa Nobles, Sherry Solis and Ernie Solis.

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

**Approval of minutes:** Paul made a motion to approve the August 16 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Proposed tax rate: Paul made the following motion:

**“I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a rate of 0.0385, which is effectively a 12.24% increase in the tax rate.”** The motion was seconded. A discussion followed that noted that last year’s tax rate was \$0.04 per \$100.00 of each property’s valuation. The change for next year is in reality an increase in the *anticipated tax revenue* generated by the proposed tax rate of \$0.0385 per \$100.00 of a property’s valuation. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Strategic Planning:** The Treasurer provided an estimate of major and capital expenses anticipated over the next five years. Randy Denzer and John Beall will continue to work with WLLVFD leadership to prioritize needs and additional details for the five-year plan. Randy Denzer raised the idea of contracting with an external consultant to facilitate the planning process. No motion was made and the item will be included in a future meeting.

**Legal assistance:** Paul made a motion to contract with the Carlson Law Firm for ESD-specific legal issues. The motion was seconded. A discussion followed whereby John Beall will obtain answers to questions related to fees associated with the firm’s services. The motion passed unanimously. Attorney David Burkeen will continue to be used for non ESD-specific legal issues, thereby controlling the ESD’s costs.

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