

LIMESTONE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 18, 2025

A quorum was present, and Doug Potts called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Commissioners present were Doug Potts, Mindy Warren, Dwayne Ready, Chuck Radney, and John Beall.

Public Attendance: Chief Robert Moore, J. Griffin, Earnie Solis, Sherry Solis, Cathy Rayburn, Adam Collett, Jeffrey Chavers, and Kelly Witten.

Invocation: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and prayer offered by John Beall.

Citizen Comments: None.

Presentation and approval of minutes – Commissioner Beall motioned to accept and approve the Minutes from the January 21, 2025 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Radney, and it passed unanimously.

Presentation of ESD Treasurer's Report – Commissioner Beall stated he closed the two extra savings accounts. He then stated ESD2 now has the one checking account, one savings account, and the Certificate of Deposits. Commissioner Beall said ESD2 is doing well and should be collecting the bulk of property taxes that were not collected in January during February and part of March since there is sometimes a lag in collections. He then briefly discussed the sales tax collection and informed the group that ESD2 expenditures were fairly light. Commissioner Beall mentioned a few line items for both ESD and the WLLVFD, and stated he has not received the final bound copies of the Audit. Commissioner Beall said he will provide them to the Commissioners and the Judge when he receives them. Lastly, Commissioner Beall said he will speak with the County Judge about the bond requirement when he provides the Judge with the audit report. Commissioner Ready moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Warren, and it passed unanimously.

WLLVFD Chief's Presentation and Reports – Chief Moore stated the repeater is installed and operational. The Chief said he is now working with Huffman to program radios for the WLLVFD frequency. He also said the conduit is laid for the internet and ready for cable to be pulled. With regard to the disposition of 2505, the Chief said the check was received and given to the ESD2 Treasurer. Chief Moore stated there was nothing new to report regarding capital expenditures strategic plan, but he would like to see a committee combined of both ESD and WLLVFD representatives to tackle some of the more important issues. Commissioner Potts stated he will look at establishing some timelines to move forward on this effort. The topic then turned to insurance coverage criteria for SCBA, and Commissioner Beall stated a question surfaced regarding the risk of non-certified people using SCBA equipment. The main issue is that personnel must be trained, but not necessarily certified. Chief Moore confirmed that training and proficiency is the standard. Commissioner Warren stated her concern was that liability is an on-going risk issue generally, and she would like to see a policy or parameters established to ensure standard requirements are met. Chief Moore then provided an overview of the various calls for the month of January along with average response times, scene times, and number of personnel

per incident. Following that, the Chief stated he is working on an EMT basic class. He reported that he spoke with individuals at the recent SAFE-D conference about holding a class and is working to establish a Hybrid class where the didactic portion is completed on-line, skills are assessed on premise, followed by an exam. He said he wants to open it up to the county to increase the class size and is attempting to get the training at no cost due to their association with State Fireman and Fire Marshall Association. He would like to start a class in the beginning of April. General discussion followed regarding intermediate certification. The pros and cons of both training levels were discussed with Commissioner Warren stressing the advantages of having an advanced skill level on scenes; including a scene she observed firsthand. Commissioner Potts suggested getting basic out of the way with additional consideration coming out of a committee or strategic plan established to look at it as well as individual desire to take the training considering the volunteer nature. Commissioner Beall added that he believed ESD could possibly fund this type of training should the pursued grant funding not come through. No action taken on the issues presented and discussed. The WLLVFD Treasurer, Sherry Solis, stated she turned in a request to the ESD Treasurer for 2,828.23. She also provided information on propane usage, which prompted a discussion regarding insulation. She then provided brief information on items purchased and secured. No action was taken.

ESD Agenda Items:

A. Discuss/take action on funding of EMT training for VFD – See comments above regarding same subject.

B. Update/discuss learnings from SAFE-D conference on February 6-8, 2025. Commissioner Potts allowed those who attended to share what they were able to glean from the training. Commissioner Radney said the next conference will be San Antonio. Commissioner Warren stated she learned that ESD2 is not the only ESD that runs more medical calls than fire calls. Commissioner Potts stated there are more than 300 ESDs in the state with about 50 being classified as small, and he said much of the training is geared to the middle-sized ESDs. He made a recommendation to SAFE-D to provide classes that focus more on smaller ESD if possible. No action taken.

C. Update/take action to grant authority for VFD to deploy ESD2 apparatus outside of County for Mutual Aid requests – Commissioner Potts started the discussion by raising the question of whether or not ESD2 should grant WLLVFD permission to respond with ESD2 vehicles outside of county. Commissioner Warren expressed a concern regarding the ability to address ESD2 community issues. Commissioner Ready stated consideration should be narrowed so that resources are not exhausted. Discussion then followed regarding possible distance limitation on the basis of cost and other factors should mechanical failures or accidents occur. After further discussion, Commissioner Potts motioned to table the issue. Commissioner Radney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

D. Discuss/update on purchase of 5 handheld radios for WLLVFD – Commissioner Potts provided an update regarding pricing and whether loaners were available. He said none of the vendors provide loaner radios. After careful consideration, Huffman was selected, and the radios were received and programed. Huffman also agreed to program all of the older radios for free. The older radios were not programed to hit the new repeater. In addition, Commissioner Potts informed those in attendance that the radios in the vehicles will need to be updated. No action was taken on that issue, but Commissioner Potts stated it will be on a future agenda. Commissioner Beall pointed out that the five radios are allowing WLLVFD to address issues regarding replacement radios early.

E. Update/discuss on securing bond for office of Treasurer per Health and Safety Code – Commissioner Beall stated he plans to talk with the County Judge on the necessity and appropriateness of the bond in light of our other insurance policies and the indemnification language required within the bond. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, Commissioner Radney moved to adjourn. Commissioner Beall seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Next Regular meeting March 18th at 7PM