

LIMESTONE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – December 16, 2025

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

Commissioners present: Dwayne Ready, Doug Potts, John Beall, and Chuck Radney

Commissioners absent: Mindy Warren

Public Attendance: Adam Collett, Earnie Solis, Sherry Solis, and Kelly Witten.

Invocation: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and prayer offered by Commissioner Ready.

Citizen Comments: None.

Presentation and approval of minutes – Commissioner Potts produced minutes from the prior meeting and advised the same was previously distributed via email to the commissioners. Commissioner Beall moved to accept the minutes. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Radney, and the motion PASSED unanimously without discussion.

Presentation of ESD Treasurer's Report – Commissioner Beall informed the group that the cash account increased approximately \$12,000.00. He also stated that ESD2 received approximately \$4,000.00 in Prop tax collection and approximately \$9,000.00 in sales tax for a rough total of \$13,500.00 for the month of November. Commissioner Beall added that ESD2 paid the first quarterly installment with regard to collecting property tax. He then covered a few of the other cost areas for the month which included web site, software, and fire department requests. Lastly, Commissioner Beall provided additional information from the October and November reports. Commissioner Radney motioned to approve the report. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Ready, and the motion was approved unanimously.

WLLVFD Chief's Presentation and Reports – Adam Collett filled in for the Chief Moore.

Presentation of the WLLVFD operational issues and monthly reports:

Mr. Collette provided an overview of the fire and EMS calls for the month. He stated WLLVFD ran 14 calls in November. Six of the calls were EMS-related and eight were Fire-related. He also said that WLLVFD provided mutual aid on four occasions and received aid from Thornton VFD on one occasion. Mr. Collette then covered response times and indicated a slightly slower overall response resulting from out-of-area calls. He then discussed various incident types and numbers, and added that training for the month of November included after-action reporting and strategy sessions. Mr. Collette said he personally spoke to and met with the State Fire Marshall representative regarding an incident involving a lithium battery fire. Lastly, he informed those in attendance that all three stations are now equipped with rescue tools, and the frequency mismatches have been resolved. No action taken.

Report on external funding efforts and grant opportunities

Ms. Kelly Witten reported and stated WLLVFD received 25K for equipment from the Forrest Service. WLLVFD contributes 5% and the Forrest Service provides the other 95%. She also stated the WLLVFD is looking at another grant to get a dryer for the extractor. Commissioner Potts stated he would be getting with WLLVFD regarding a possible Moody Foundation Grant. No action taken.

Presentation of the WLLVFD Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Solis stated she submitted a funding request for \$8,038.77 for the cost of computers, vehicle repair work, banquet issues, and other matters. She also stated that an additional request will be coming in January. Commissioner Potts asked a few questions concerning the cost and type of laptops. Commissioner Beall indicated that the cost included Apple Care, which increased the overall cost. No action taken.

ESD Agenda Items:

A. Update/discuss status of apparatus/vehicle value review for insurance coverage – Commissioner Beall informed the group that feedback was provided to the insurer carrier and only one apparatus was reduced. He stated the group reviewing the issues agreed to leave the remaining apparatuses at the established amount before the review. No action taken.

B. Update on re-appointment of Commissioners Warren, Ready, & Radney – Commissioner Potts stated that Commissioners Ready, Warren, and Radney were all re-appointed the day of the meeting and that all three will need to coordinate a swearing in with the Judge. No action taken.

C. Update/discuss status of VFD-ESD workgroup for EMS strategic planning – Commissioner Potts stated the group has not met, but the extraction tools were received and paid for. The new tools are on the new truck and other tools spread around. No action taken.

D. Update/discuss status of VFD-ESD Facilities workgroup strategic planning – Commissioner Potts said group has not met due to the holidays and everyone's plans. Other than that, he informed those present that most cost items appear to be coming in under budget and looking promising. No action taken.

E. Update/discuss status of joint ESD-VFD contract review team – Commissioner Warren was absent and no update provided. No action taken.

F. Update on discussion with Judge Duncan concerning burn ban violators – Commissioner Potts informed attendees that he met with the Judge and there are some hard and soft issues associated with burn bans. One issue is that the LCSO prefers to issue a warning rather than a citation. Commissioner Potts said the judge indicated that the State of Texas prohibits outside burning at all times and enforcement is placed with TCEQ to regulate. However, there is apparently a large list of exceptions to outside burning during a burn ban such as household items in a barrel and others. Commissioner Potts stated the Limestone County

commissioners would have to pass an ordinance to further limit the exceptions. He also stated that ESD could possibly adopt stricter policies, but the issues are not easily resolved and seem to expand in complexity as more questions are asked and answered. No action taken.

G. Update on approved capital expenditure improvements/acquisitions – Commissioner Potts mentioned that things are progressing and every line item has a person assigned to it with coordination via Sherry Solis. He also opined that things will pick up in January. No action taken.

H. Update on HDL report concerning de-allocated sales-tax remitters – Commissioner Beall said ESD2 received a communication from our consultant who located two more tax payers who are possibly remitting to the wrong district. He stated the comptroller is not taking any money away, so there is no immediate impact. He also spoke of another identified remitter where \$1,207.00 was de-allocated. He concluded by stating that it was good to make sure the tax revenue received is properly allocated to avoid claw-backs down the road. No action taken.

Next ESD#2 Regular meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2025 @ 7:00PM

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, Commissioner Ready moved to adjourn. Commissioner Radney seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.