

**Limestone County
Emergency Services District #2
Commissioners Regular Meeting – Minutes**

Special Notice Given the current state of our environment (Corona Virus Pandemic) and to meet requisite safety standards and meeting requirements, this meeting was conducted via the internet. However, all future meetings will be conducted telephonically. All future meetings will offer the public the option to attend telephonically. Instructions will be included on all agendas. This telephonic format will be used until further notice.

The meeting was called to order by Vernon Davis. A quorum was present (telephonically). Attending were Vernon Davis-President, Paul Loeffler-Assistant Treasurer, Charles Eastburn-Treasurer and Deborah Gerrard-Secretary. Barbara Hicks-Vice President submitted her apologies. Also attending: Allen McWhirter and Kim McWhirter.

There were no citizen's comments and no citizens joined the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from July 21, 2020 meeting were approved by a unanimous vote.

Treasurers Report:

The monthly Treasurers report was provided. The account balance at the end of July was \$39,064.70. Expenses and deposits are represented on the July's Treasurer's report check register. Balances for the 3 savings accounts (1) Apparatus \$20,025.50, (2) Replacement \$500. (3) Facilities \$500 was noted. The Treasurer gave a brief overview of August's expenditure to date.

Report of service providers:

Allen McWhirter represented WLLVFD.

Organizational and Corporate:

No changes to report on organizational and corporate documents.

Emergency and Non-Emergency Calls:

During July, there were 16 total calls. There were 10 calls categorized as fire calls and 6 first responder medical calls. The average response time was 09.13 and the average on-scene time was 100.48. A breakdown of the calls as follows: 2 grass fires, 5 medical, 1 motor vehicle accident, 4 public service, 2 dispatched and canceled on route and 2 smoke odor calls.

Training:

There were 6 people trained with 15 class hours and 44 personal hours of operations training in July. It was reported that most of the training was being conducted online due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Treasurer's Report:

Allen McWhirter presented the Treasurer's report for WLLVFD. The account balance at the end of July was \$14,850.35.

Mobile Equipment Report:

Allen McWhirter presented the mobile equipment report and confirmed that all the equipment is now in service and fully functional. It was reported that the Duty Truck had been out of service for two days while new tires were fitted due to a blowout while attending a bush fire in Leon County.

Grants:

Allen McWhirter updated the board with the status of grant requests as follows:

AFG Tender Grant. Allen McWhirter to follow up with them as no response was received to date.

Meadows Foundation Grant. A \$50,000 matching grant to purchase a tender should be ready for submission in a couple of weeks.

Moody Foundation Grant. The request is still outstanding and believed to be defunct.

VFIS Health and Wellness Grant. A \$5,000 grant to obtain physicals for members of the Fire Department. Although Paul Loeffler had committed considerable time to research it was decided not to proceed with this grant due to there being no justification in giving the volunteers physicals.

Walmart Grant. Grant has been re-submitted for \$250 for the October fundraiser. No response to date.

ISO Improvement:

Allen McWhirter reported there was no update on the ISO improvement status.

Funding Requests:

A funding request was submitted for PPE gear and equipment which is part of the recruitment and retention program. The new gear and equipment to be awarded to 3 volunteers in recognition and appreciation of their work. Following prior approval of a \$5,000 budget for 2 sets of gear, it was requested that an additional \$1,087 be moved from the building renovation fund to the PPE budget to pay for the equipment totaling \$6,087.

Motion moved by Charles Eastburn and seconded that the transfer of \$1,087 is made from cost item #5105 to #5103 to give a total of \$6,087 for the PPE that has been requested by the Fire Department. The motion carried in favor.

Other Business:

Sales Tax Initiative:

Vernon Davis asked the Boards opinion on whether the sales tax initiative election should be held in November or May. Motion moved by Paul Loeffler and seconded that the election is postponed until May. It was felt that the public may not consider the initiative to be positive move in November due to it being a Presidential election. The motion carried in favor.

Proposed Tax Rate:

Vernon Davis reported that the Comptroller had still not provided the official calculations on the tax levy. Davis presented to the Board a document provided by Stacy Hall detailing tax levy ranges.

Motion moved by Charles Eastburn and seconded that we maintain the .04% tax rate we had in the past without change. The motion carried in favor. Vernon Davis informed the Board that we are only proposing a tax rate of .04% as the rate must be published before it can be formally adopted. The Board agreed unanimously to the proposal.

Recording of Minutes:

Charles Eastburn suggested changes be made to the recording of the minutes and referred to “Robert’s Rules of Order”. A long discussion ensued on the format, content and recording of the minutes. It was agreed that even though Limestone County ESD #2 does not adhere to “Robert’s Rules of Order” we would note attribution to the person moving the motions.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made and agreed upon.

Approved: _____

Date: _____