

**Limestone County Emergency District #2**  
**September 26, 2023 – Regular Meeting**

A quorum was present and Paul Loeffler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. ESD Board members in attendance included Doug Potts, John Beall and Charles Eastburn. Randy Behringer was absent.

WLLVFD attendees included Robert Moore, Adam Collett, Sherry Solis, Sheryl Davis Ernie Solis John Griffin and Cathy Rayburn. Benny Gaida (representing our insurance carrier, VFIS) was the only guest at the meeting.

**VFIS Presentation:** Mr. Gaida provided a comprehensive review of our insurance policies. He covered our claims history citing that during the past three years there have only been three claims. He reminded us that VFIS could offer a “Train the Trainer” program in order that a trained WLLVFD member can lead “Safe Driving” courses for volunteer members. He mentioned on-line programs covering a variety of topics including “How to safely use a bounce house”. The website for the programs is: responderhelp.com. December 15 is the deadline to make changes to any current coverage.

**Reading and approval of minutes:** The minutes were approved at an earlier Special Meeting.

**Treasurer’s report:** Tax levies for the month of August were \$1,407.36. Sales Tax revenue totaled \$14,282.63. Expenses for the month were \$2,396.80. The checking account balance at the end of the month was \$166,879.99. The Apparatus Account ended with \$20,012.79 and the Other Savings Account also ended with \$20,012.79. The Reserve Account ended with \$60,037.73.

**Retention of attorney:** John will research a new attorney that specializes in ESD issues in order to have the contact between ESD # 2 and WLLVFD reviewed.

**Provider’s Report:**

**Emergency response:** There were 25 calls for response calls during the month. Five of those calls involved mutual aid. Fifteen calls for emergency medical issues, nine fire calls and one mutual aid for a fire. The average response time for fire calls (dispatch to enroute) was 20 minutes and 24 seconds.

**WLLVFD Training:** Charles Eastburn conducted a one and one half hour “Respect in the Fire Department” ((including harassment) training session. Eleven WLLVFD attended the session.

**WLLVFD By-Laws:** The committee has completed a draft and will review changes with the membership. Once adopted, training will be scheduled for all members.

**Returning member:** Following a short-term absence. Jeremy Germany returned to active volunteer service.

**Apparatus report:** The brakes need to be repaired on 2508 before selling the apparatus.

**Grant activity:** There was no grant activity during the month.

**WLLVFD events:** The future events include a fish fry and blood drive on October 7, Lunch with Santa and a Home Fire Safety program at the Groesbeck Pre-school.

**WLLVFD Officer election:** Nominations are being received for the positions of Chief, Vice President, Secretary, and Captain. The election will be held at the regular November members meeting.

**WLLVFD Treasurer's report:** The checking account balance at the end of August was \$22,076.03 and the request for reimbursement totaled \$2,983.06.

**Communication Tower project:** The contract with Limestone County has been signed.

**Recognition of new ESD Board member and authorization (signature) cards:** Paul introduced Doug Potts as the new member to the ESD Board. As a result of this new addition to the ESD Board the check signing authorization cards at Farmers State Bank will need to be up-dated. John made a motion to remove James Lombard's and Randy Denzer's names from the authorization cards. The up-dated authorization cards will include: Paul Loeffler, Randy Behringer, John Beall, Doug Potts and Charles Eastburn. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Telecommunications Sales Tax revenue:** The ESD received a letter from the State Comptroller confirming that the ESD's request to repeal the sales tax exemption for telecommunications companies in our District was approved and will be effective beginning January 1, 2024.

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

Approved: Charles Eastburn