

LIMESTONE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 20, 2024

A quorum was present, and Doug Potts called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioners present were Doug Potts, Mindy Warren, Paul Loeffler, and Dwayne Ready.

Public Attendance: Chief Robert Moore, Cathy Rayburn, Sherry Solis, Ernie Solis, J. Griffin, Kelly Witten.

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

Citizen Comments: None

Presentation and approval of minutes – Doug provided a copy of the minutes from the July, 16, 2024 meeting. Paul motioned to accept and approve, which was seconded by Mindy. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss / Take Action regarding the proposed tax rate – Doug presented the proposed tax rate from the prior public meeting of .0365 per \$100 valuation. Motion to approve and adopt the proposed rate was made by Mindy, seconded by Dwayne, and it passed unanimously.

Presentation of ESD Treasurer's Report – John was not present, so no report was made.

Certificate of Deposit (CD) Investment – Doug provided the board with an update. Three \$100,000 CD's were purchased having a term of 7 months at 4.75% APY.

Chief's Presentation – Chief Robert Moore stated the department ran 10 calls in July with more being fire related, and he provided an update on response times. Total calls YTD is 161 with roughly 180 hours on scene. There was a July class on ladder training and IC training. The Chief provided a brief update on vehicle maintenance costs, and opined that a brush truck will be needed next followed by a tanker. Chief stated the 12 SCBAs were tested. Ten passed and two cannot be repaired. However, personnel need to be trained before they can be used, so no replacements are being sought at this time. Training for personnel on SCBAs is tentatively scheduled by September. Lastly, the Chief stated he received a complaint from Summer Place regarding the condition of the property where the water tank is located and that some action will be needed to clear some debris and maintain the grounds.

County Tower / Repeater Project - Chief stated repeater and duplex equipment is being shipped in September. WLLVFD will have to do some trenching for antenna and cabling. Just waiting on equipment to come in before trenching.

WLLVFD Treasurer's Report – Sherry Solis provided a brief update on monthly spending. A request was made for \$6,662.06 for reimbursement. Paul motioned to approve the reimbursement request. That motion was seconded by Doug, and the motion passed unanimously. It was also noted that WLLVFD is currently pursuing grant prospects and opportunities.

ESD Agenda Items:

1. Digital/Audio Equipment - Doug updated the board by stating the equipment is currently being tested with this meeting, and that he will research how much data is required to download and transcribe.

2. Purchase/installation of projector and screen at Station 1 – Doug stated there is no update at this time, but it is still on the radar and will remain on the agenda.
3. WLLVFD request to resume ESD funding for Rehab vehicle 2509 – Doug reminded those present that this was a tabled item from prior meetings, and Paul provided some historical context of the unit and use. Dwayne motioned to approve the Chief's request to fund the rehab unit. The motion was seconded by Doug. Dwayne then amended his motion to approve the Chief's request to fund the vehicle to include insurance, fuel, and maintenance, but not perishable/consumables. Doug seconded the amended motion, and it passed unanimously.
4. Use of Apparatus for "transport" of water for non-emergency activities – Doug briefly discussed a request for such use and stated he did not believe it was a good idea. Paul provided some history of the issue and stated it was addressed and resolved in favor of not engaging in such conduct in the past. Motion by Paul to reaffirm the policy that ESD apparatus is for emergency response only with limited exceptions approved by the Chief. That motion was seconded by Mindy and passed unanimously.
5. Renewal of contract with HDL sales tax services – Doug briefly discussed the issue and motioned to table it until the next meeting. He then withdrew that motion. Paul then motioned to renew the contract with HDL for another year. That motion was seconded by Mindy and passed unanimously.

Adjournment – There being no further agenda items or discussion, Dwayne moved to adjourn. Paul seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next Regular meeting September 17th at 7PM