

## **LIMESTONE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2**

### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

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

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

Commissioners absent: Mindy Warren

Public Attendance: Adam Collett, Earnie Solis, Sherry Solis, and J. Griffin.

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

**Citizen Comments:** None.

**Presentation and approval of minutes** – Commissioner Beall moved to accept and approve the minutes from the prior regular meeting held August 19, 2025. Commissioner Radney seconded the motion. Commissioner Potts clarified that the document is actually four pages as opposed to three. There being no discussion of same, the motion PASSED unanimously.

**Presentation of ESD Treasurer's Report** – Commissioner Beall stated there were no changes for August except for the cash accounts as a result of collecting remaining taxes and paying WLLVFD reimbursement requests. He then provided an overview of sales tax revenue and ESD expenses such as website costs. He stated September will be the last month of the fiscal year and that a more extensive review of the YTD numbers will be presented at the next meeting. Commissioner Ready moved to accept his report and Commissioner Radney seconded the motion. The motion PASSED unanimously.

**WLLVFD Chief's Presentation and Reports** – Adam Collett provided a brief review of the various call types and response times. He further informed those present that WLLVFD received one mutual aid assistance from Thornton. He then went into the type of calls within each area concerning Fire/Medical/Service and False. Mr. Collett also stated they held two training sessions; one AAR on six runs and one equipment locate on heavy trucks. Commissioner Potts asked Mr. Collett about the nature and circumstances of the false calls and expressed some concern over the impact of such calls on the WLLVFD. Mr. Griffin informed the group that some medical alert organizations help alleviate some responses through disregards.

- Update on status for inspection of tender/tanker stability issue – Sherry Solis stated Tender 2501 was taken to the garage, but no issues were spotted with the springs. She further stated another inspection is anticipated. Commissioner Potts informed those present that this is an issue that needs to be addressed sooner rather than later and that he will be asking the Board to approve an inspection on their own at the next meeting if additional information is not forthcoming from WLLVFD. No action taken.

- Update on foaming agent bulk container disposal – This item is still pending. No action taken.

### **Presentation of the WLLVFD Monthly Reports:**

To include Incident, Training, Apparatus-Use, and Mobile Equipment Reports – See Mr. Collett's remarks above. No action taken

Report on external funding efforts and grant opportunities (Forest Service backlog funding) – Sherry Solis stated there was nothing new on this issue. No action taken.

### **Presentation of the WLLVFD Treasurer's Report**

To include funding (reimbursement) requests and other VFD funding issues – Sherry Solis stated a funding request was submitted to Commissioner Beall for \$7,590.71. She said the biggest item was to renew a contract with ESO computer software. She and J. Griffin then provided some details on some of the other items for which reimbursement is being sought. Commissioner Beall asked if some of the items were needed because of the useful life standard associated with them. J. Griffin confirmed that was part of it. Commissioner Beall stated we need to build use-of-life issues into the long-term budget planning. J. Griffin stated those steps are being taken at the present time. No action taken.

### **ESD Agenda Items:**

A. Update/discuss status of VFD-ESD workgroup for EMS strategic planning – Commissioner Potts clarified that EMS in this context means anything medically related to the calls ran by WLLVFD. He then briefly described the current level of training of current volunteers and funding requirement to go the next level of service. He stated the proposed FRO might change the current understanding of service and that the workgroup will meet once a quarter. Commissioner Beall asked if ESD/WLLVFD wants to participate in the proposed FRO and, if so, what that would look like. Commissioner Potts stated he made inquiries along those lines and offered Board assistance where feasible. Commissioner Beall stated he would like to help in any way if possible. Commissioner Potts then described some of the needs produced by the collective effort of the committee. Lastly, Commissioner Potts stated that future special meetings will be called to look at the overall strategic planning. No action taken.

B. Discuss/take action on adoption of 2025-2026 tax rate – Commissioner Beall briefly explained the published proposed rate and some of the proposed rates by other entities. Commissioner Potts stated he would like to see ESD2 move to the upper rate as time progresses, but is supportive of keeping the rate flat for this year. Commissioner Radney stated he would prefer to keep it flat or increase it to address equipment and operations. Commissioner Beall moved to adopt the same rate as last year at a tax rate of .0365 per \$100 valuation as published. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Radney and it PASSED unanimously.

C. Update/Discuss status of joint ESD-VFD contract review team – Commissioner Ready stated WLLVFD conducted their review and Commissioner Beall provided some feedback via email. He then stated the committee will need to present the modified contract to legal services for feedback and input prior to presentation for adoption. No action taken.

D. Update/discuss status of VFD-ESD Facilities workgroup strategic planning –

Commissioner Potts stated they met over the weekend and further distilled the priorities from the last meetings. They started out with \$120K priority one issues with a goal of reducing that downward based on realistic budget targets. He then briefly described the process the committee used to reach their goal and is genuinely comfortable with the progress and resulting priorities. Commissioner Beall stated he will project some sales tax information and help in any way he can.

E. Discuss/take action on funding request for Emergency Vehicle Tech training –

Commissioner Potts asked if there was any update and called for information for the board to take action. No action taken.

F. Discuss/take action on renewal of contract with HDL sales tax consultant –

Commissioner Beall stated sales tax consulting cost \$2,500/year. He said he believes their services are warranted based on the recent payback issues we had with the county and other inquiries the Board has made of them over time. He then motioned to renew the HDL contract. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion and reminded those in attendance that prior issues could have grown into bigger issues if we didn't have HDL monitoring the records. The motion PASSED unanimously.

G. Update status on comptroller repayment agreement for sales tax over-payments –

Commissioner Beall stated the claw-back terms will start in October and run for seven years. He stated he will continue to monitor the issue and determine whether or not we have to record the amount owed as a liability as a form of long-term debt. No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, Commissioner Ready moved to adjourn. Commissioner Beall seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

**Next Regular meeting October 28, 2025 at 7PM**