

LIMESTONE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 17, 2024

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

Commissioners present were Doug Potts, Mindy Warren, Dwayne Ready, Chuck Radney, and John Beall.

Public Attendance: Chief Robert Moore, Adam Collette, J. Griffin, Earnie Solis, Sherry Solis, Cathy Rayburn, and Kelly Witten.

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

Citizen Comments: Cathy Rayburn praised the Commissioners for their assistance with the Banquet..

Presentation and approval of minutes – Dwayne stated that a copy of the minutes from the November meeting were distributed. John motioned to accept and approve them, which was seconded by Dwayne. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of ESD Treasurer's Report – John said ESD2 had three savings accounts and one checking account when he came to the Board. He further stated consideration should be given to consolidating the savings account since no real reason exists to maintain three different accounts. John then made a motion to close two savings accounts and transfer the money to the third. Mindy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. John then briefly discussed revenues, assessor fees, ESD registration, insurance, software expenses, and the most recent funding request from WLLVFD. Lastly, John discussed the timing of the Fiscal Year for ESD and provided an update on sales tax. Dwayne motioned to accept and approve the Treasurer's Report. Mindy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WLLVFD Chief's Presentation and Reports – The chief provided an overview of the calls for service, response times, and average time on scene. Personnel averaged 5.8 responders per call. The Chief gave an update on training, and he spent some time reporting on the issues surrounding handheld radios and the need for improvement on that front. He said they are working on some grant possibilities but might have to approach the Board for help if the grant effort proves unsuccessful. The Chief said he is currently looking at costs, availability, functionality, and overall options. With regard to the County Tower/VFD Repeater Project, the Chief said the airconditioned box was mounted but WLLVFD is still getting prices and bids on necessary electrical work. Lastly, the Chief said he spoke with Brandon regarding the Brush Truck and is awaiting feedback.

Sherry provided a brief update on the Treasurer's Report and spoke about a reimbursement request for \$17,031.52. She also addressed a few other items within their budget and said they received a grant for \$4,840 which was provided to John..

Griff briefly talked about the useful life of some equipment and the desire to insure no one is utilizing equipment beyond usefulness.

Kelly talked about current grant funding efforts and her own work to renew and update the entity with the federal government. She also stated they are exploring a new grant.

ESD Agenda Items:

A. Introduce new commissioner filling vacant position – Chuck Radney briefly introduced himself to all attendees and provided a snapshot of his education, experience, and desire to help the community whenever he can. He claimed to be retired but also admitted he stays rather busy.

B. Update/take action on participation at SAFE-D conference on February 6-8, 2025. Registration is now open, and Doug asked for information on who was registered and who still needs to register. He then provided conference information to the new Commissioner, Chuck Radney.

C. Update/take action on establishment of business email accounts for ESD#2 Board members – Doug stated he and John have their email up and running. He then requested that Mindy, Dwayne, and Chuck do the same.

D. Discuss/take action on WLLVFD request for acquisition of new handheld radios – See Chief's remarks above.

E. Discuss/take action on disposition of vehicle 2505 based on new information provided by WLLVFD – Doug stated the vehicle is being stripped, and he shared what he learned in speaking with legal counsel regarding the proceeds through any sale of equipment and parts.

F. Discuss/Approve 2024 Tax Roll notification – Doug stated the paperwork was signed and will be forwarded to the tax assessor. He also said a copy will be placed in the ESD2 file.

G. Discuss/take action on securing bond for office of Treasurer per Health and Safety Code – John informed the Board of his research. He stated the amount is supposed to be set by the County Judge, and the paperwork contained broad indemnification clauses that he was not comfortable signing. Some discussion ensued about the possibility of an umbrella policy or possibly increasing insurance we already have to cover any bond requirement imposed. John stated he will continue the discussion with counsel and provide an update at the next meeting.

H. President's update on discussion with Judge Duncan concerning burn ban violations - Doug stated he spoke with Judge Duncan regarding the Sheriff's policy of issuing warnings on first offense for violators lighting fires during a burn ban period. Doug stated he will continue to pursue the issue in hopes of being able to establish more enforcement action when it comes to violations.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, Dwayne moved to adjourn. John seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Next Regular meeting January 21st at 7PM