

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

### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 15, 2025**

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

Commissioners present: Doug Potts, Dwayne Ready, and Chuck Radney.

Absent: Mindy Warren and John Beall

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

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

**Citizen Comments:** None.

**Presentation and approval of minutes** – Commissioner Radney motioned to accept and approve the Minutes from the March 18, 2025 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ready. PASSED unanimously.

**Presentation of ESD Treasurer's Report** – Commissioner Beall was absent, but he previously distributed the regular reports. Commissioner Potts shared comments regarding the report. Items discussed included equipment, radios, and the fact that all expenses were recurring amounts for ESD and WLLVFD. He further stated that another five to six thousand dollars were expected to be collected in property taxes. Commissioner Radney moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ready. PASSED unanimously.

**WLLVFD Chief's Presentation and Reports** – Chief Moore stated that internet service was established and that additional inspection of the county tower is expected on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of April with work to follow the following week. Chief Moore also stated that a crew will be out the first part of the week starting April 21, 2025 to reprogram the bay door operator for Station #1 and that he is look into placing a hardwire opener for it. With regard to existing radio programming, Chief Moore said he is currently looking for a day and time to sit down and program the remaining radios. The grant that was being sought to replace remaining radios was not approved, but it was the understanding of the Chief that it could be re-submitted quarterly. He also stated that a solution is still needed for the analogue radios in the vehicles, and he is looking at pricing for replacements. Commissioner Potts asked if any radio coverage testing had been conducted on the new system. Chief Moore replied that everything appears to be working fine at this time, but he still needs to conduct further assessments. He also stated that the new Engine apparatus was on track to come off the line in June and that final inspection will take place in Florida. He said Pierce personnel will drive and deliver the truck. Chief Moore then provided statistics regarding responses to calls, aid provided and received, membership, and training. He said an EMT class is still being pursued, but it is not easy to set up clinical sites. If he does not hear back from the working group, Chief Moore stated he will approach TEXAS EMS as an alternative. Lastly, Chief Moore informed the group that the creation of a FRO for Limestone County was discussed at the last association meeting and that WLLVFD only footprint would be the existing coverage area as part of that effort. Sherry Solis then informed the those present

that WLLVFD submitted a grant application to pursue \$2,500.00 in reimbursement costs, and that a paint party was held to raise fund, which netted \$320.00. She also stated that a request was submitted to ESD2 for \$7,052.48 for repairs, adjustments, and programming of radios. No action taken.

#### **ESD Agenda Items:**

A. Update/discuss status of VFD-ESD workgroup for EMS strategic planning – Commissioner Potts volunteered to take point, but has not scheduled any meetings yet. No action taken.

B. Update on WLLVFD 2025-2026 budget pre-discussion review – Commissioner Potts stated a meeting was held to discuss needs and priorities. Everything so far looks straight forward and a presentation will likely be available at the next meeting. No action taken.

C. Update on proposed draft of protocol for handling of mutual aid requests for deployment of ESD#2 apparatus outside of Limestone County – Commissioner Warren presented a proposal via email that Commissioner Potts offered as a motion that read, *"The WLLVFD has the approval of the ESD #2 governing board to take any equipment owned by ESD #2 to any of the contiguous counties to Limestone County to provide mutual aid for an emergent situation in which their services are requested. The WLLVFD will request approval to take any equipment owned by ESD #2 outside of the contiguous counties to Limestone County with approval from two ESD #2 Commissioners to provide mutual aid for an emergent situation in which their services are request."* That motion was seconded by Commissioner Ready and PASSED unanimously.

D. Update/discuss status of Facilities workgroup strategic planning – Commissioner Potts stated the group met and prioritized matters into three groupings of importance. The next step is to send the priority one list out and determine rough estimates of potential costs for further analysis. Most of the discussion and work at this point is broad and will be refined going forward. No action taken.

E. Update/discuss recent finding from HDL sales-tax consultants – Commissioner Potts informed the group that estimated sales tax revenue prior to determining the existence of 3 "out of district" remitters, was ~\$140,000 / yr. The three "out of district" remitters will no longer remit sales tax revenue to the district resulting in an annual reduction of approximately ~\$35,000 / yr. thus reducing the district's annual revenue to about ~\$105,000 / yr. In addition to this reduction, the district will have to pay back the sales tax revenue (~\$90,000) that was improperly remitted over the next 3 years. This will further reduce the sales tax revenue available to the district to approximately ~\$85,000 / yr for the next 3 years. Commissioner Potts stated that this might change if ESD #2 can get a further payback window beyond three years.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, Commissioner Ready moved to adjourn. Commissioner Radney seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

**Next Regular meeting May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7PM**