

Hardin County Emergency Services District 2

Minutes of the Meeting of August 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 AM by President Fritz Erbelding. Roll call showed present Commissioners Evans, O'Blanc, Erbelding, Tumbleson. Commissioner Koch and Attorney Kate Leverett was absent. Prayer was given by Chief McNeel, and pledges were said to the US and Texas flags.

1. Meeting in closed or executive session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code:

a. 551.071 – Consult with legal council

b. 551.074 - Personnel

The Board went into executive session for personnel matters at 9:36 and returned 9:58 AM. Commissioner Erbelding reported that body camera's for on-call personnel will be discussed at the next meeting.

2. Public Comments on consent agenda items- None

3. Reports

a. Fire & EMS Auxiliary- None

b. Fire Chiefs Report:

- Andrew Potts received a letter of appreciation from a citizen that he helped on a 911 call
- Call volumes have increased, ER wall times have increased
- COVID calls has increased

c. ESD Reports or comment-

i. Update on repairs Station 3- None

4. Consent Agenda Item-

a. Treasurer's Report

b. Payment of Accounts Payable

c. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner O'Blanc stated that the year-to-date budget is in line, and all are watching their spending. Commissioner Tumbleson made a motion to accept the agenda items as recorded. Commissioner O'Blanc 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

ACTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

5. Regular Agenda items:

- a. Discussion and possible consideration on the 2021-22 Budget and the proposed tax rate that was adopted last Special Meeting (Explanations from Chief McNeel)-** Chief McNeel stated that the departments' medical insurance and workers compensation has had huge increases and the payroll a moderate increase; staffing issues are being reviewed.

- b. **Discussion and possible action to consider purchasing a small portion of land by Station 3, where the hydrant was accidentally installed on the property owned by SMW Projects, Inc for \$1.00-** This is in progress
 - c. **Discussion and possible action to consider making repairs or replace the roof on Station 1-** This is in progress.
 - d. **Discussion and possible action to change our regular meeting to a daytime ESD Meeting on the third Thursday morning of each month-** Commissioner Erbelding made a motion to move the time of the meetings to 9:30 AM. Commissioner O'Blanc 2nd the motion. Motion carried by all.
6. **Items for the agenda of next meeting-** camera systems for on call personnel
7. **Adjournment-** Commissioner O'Blanc made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Tumbleson 2nd the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 AM.

President, Fritz Erbelding

Secretary, Ernie Koch