

Hardin County Emergency Services District 2

Minutes of the meeting of August 5, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 AM by President Erbelding. Roll call showed present, Commissioners Evans, Erbelding and Tumbleson and Koch. Commissioner O'Blanc and legal counsel was absent.

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

a. 551.071, Government Code – Consult with legal counsel

b. 551.074, Government Code – Personnel

None

2. Public comments on consent agenda items- None

3. Reports

a. Fire & EMS Auxiliary- None

b. Fire Chiefs report regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, management activities and personnel- Tabled

c. ESD Reports or comments – None

4. Regular Agenda Items:

a. Consider taking action regarding 2021-11 budget- Chief McNeel discussed the increases in the budget for 2021-22.

b. Discussion and consider taking action regarding 2021 tax rate, including:

i. Establishing proposed tax rate

ii. Taking record vote and scheduling public hearing

iii. Authorizing publication of “Notice of Public Hearing on Tax in the Silsbee Bee Newspaper, and,

iv. Acknowledging and approving posting of Notice about 2021 tax rates and “notice of public hearing on tax increase” to home page of Districts website- Chief McNeel led a discussion on the proposed tax rate using the facts that the tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue rate but does NOT exceed the voters approved rate. Relating that according to our figures from Hardin County TAC and John Carlton’s calculations, we can safely go with the proposed Tax Rate of 0.09912 without the public being able to petition for an election. Commissioner Erbelding made a motion to approve going with the proposed tax rate of 0.099122 for the 2021/2022 Tax Rate, and to schedule Public Hearings accordingly and to have them published in the Silsbee Bee Newspaper. Also, to acknowledge and

approve the posing of “Notice” about 2021/2022 tax rate and “Notice” of Public Hearings on tax increase to the home page of the District’s website. Commissioner Tumbleson 2nd the motion and record votes were taken:

Fritz Erbelding: Yes
Joe Tumbleson: Yes
Lisa O’Blanc: Absent
Ernie Koch: Yes
Tommy Evans: Yes

Motion carried.

5. **Items for the agenda of the next meeting:** None
6. **Adjournment-** Commissioner Erbelding made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Evans 2nd the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

President Fritz Erbelding

Secretary Ernie Koch