



Hardin County Emergency Services District No. 2

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Minutes of the Meeting of July 21, 2022

1. **Opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call** - The meeting was called to order by President Erbelding at 6:05 PM. Roll call showed present Commissioners Evans, O'Blanc, Erbelding and Koch. Commissioner Tumbleson and Attorney Kate Leverett was absent.
2. **Public Comments – limited to 3 minutes; no formal action, discussion, deliberation, or comment will be made by the Board of Commissioners** - None
3. **Reports:**
 - a. **Fire & EMS Auxiliary Report-** Mary Hernandez stated that any new members interested in joining the Auxiliary could fill out an application and return to her.
 - b. **Fire Chief's Report-** Chief McNeel reported that Judge Wayne McDaniel issued a burn ban this week; there has been an increase in calls; McNeel also reported that Mandy Eynon was doing a great job in her new position.
 - c. **ESD Comments or Reports-** None
4. **Consent Agenda Items:**
 - a. **Treasure's Report-** Commissioner O'Blanc stated that the June financials were good at this time; the savings account was good; General Funds account is good at 30% spent so far this year with a few big tickets items yet to post.
 - b. **Payment of Accounts Payable**
 - c. **Approval of last meeting minutes**

Commissioner O'Blanc made a motion to accept the consent agenda items as recorded. Commissioner Koch 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

5. **Deliberation, update and/or action regarding the Fire & EMS Auxiliary issues-** Discussed in 3a.
6. **Deliberation, update and/or action of the water bill from the North Station-** Chief McNeel stated that he has spoken with Robb Starr at Lumberton MUD and they discussed the 3 water meters, one a necessary hydrant, two that provide a function of water into the building and close to the building; Starr recommended to get bids from a plumber to tie the other meter into the building. The line that is coming off

the fire hydrant that is a flush line will service the building and accurately meter the building, which is on our property and reduce the other meter and other problems that is on someone else's property. Motion tabled until next month.

- 7. Deliberation, update and/or action on the May 2022 Treasurer's Report-** Commissioner O'Blanc stated the clearing account is being cleaned up with confidence and transparency regarding moving payments from other accounts that had been posted. Commissioner O'Blanc made a motion to accept the May's corrected treasurer's report. Commissioner Evans 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
- 8. Deliberation, update and/or action on the remounting of an ambulance-** EMS Chief Jim Jones reported that information he has received from multiple agencies that works within our budget is from Frazer for a remount cost of \$216,000, with increases in cost monthly. Turnaround time +/- 4-6 months. After discussion, Commissioner Erbelding made a motion for Frazer to remount Med 22, with expenses not to exceed \$230,000. Commissioner Koch 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
- 9. Discuss and consider adoption of the tax budget planning calendar for 2022 and take any related action-** Commissioner Erbelding made a motion to adopt the Tax Planning Calendar for 2022-23 in which there will be a special called business meeting called on July 28th at 9:30 AM to further discuss, which will give the department an actual dollar amount. Commissioner O'Blanc 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
- 10. Discuss District website status, accessibility and posting requirements and take any related action-** Chief McNeel stated that Justin Hamilton is managing the website which keeps the department dependent on one person to post: further updates next month. Tabled.
- 11. Items for the next agenda of the meeting:**
 - Department Webpage
 - North Station plumber bids
- 12. Adjournment-** Commissioner Erbelding made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Koch 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Ernie Koch, Secretary