



# Hardin County Emergency Services District No. 2

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## *Minutes of the meeting of April 20, 2023*

1. **Opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call-** President Erbelding called the meeting to order at 9:37AM. Roll call showed present Commissioners O'Blanc, Erbelding, Philp and Turner. Commissioner Evans was absent. Attorney Leverett was present.
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-** None
  - b. **Fire Chief's Report:**
    - 14 calls in the last 24 hours, very busy.
    - The Community Paramedic vehicles have returned from Houston and can be viewed outside the station.
    - More EMS staff are needed.
  - c. **ESD Comments or Reports-** None
4. **Consent Agenda items:**
  - a. **Treasurer's Report**
  - b. **Payment of Accounts Payable**
  - c. **Approval of last meeting minutes**

Commissioner O'Blanc stated that First Financial Bank has made her aware of our concerns regarding their stability; the bank responded with a letter of security regarding monies over \$250k and commercial accounts.

Commissioner Philp made a motion to accept the consent agenda items as presented. Commissioner Turner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

5. **Discussion and/or action in accepting the 2022 annual audit from Mitch Fontenote CPA firm -** Mitch Fontenote, of Mitchell T. Fontenote CPA, Inc. presented the Board with the 2022 audit of HCESD2. Fontenote stated he found a clean opinion with no

concerns. Commissioner Erbelding made a motion to accept the audit as presented. Commissioner Turner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

- 6. Discussion and/or action to adopt the 2021 IFC Code with Amendments (Jimmy Blanchard)** - tabled.
- 7. Discussion and/or action on the funding of the 1937 Combination truck (Jim Philp)**- Commissioner Philp asked for \$3-5k initially to keep the truck in running condition for now. Commissioner Erbelding asked Commissioners Philp, O'Blanc and Chief McNeel to meet and discuss this funding next month.
- 8. Discussion and/or action with Paul Blackburn/Entergy regarding replacing the department generator**- Paul Blackburn and Christy Brown from Entergy were present to bring information (attached) regarding replacing the department's aging generator. After discussion, President Erbelding made a motion to allow Entergy to move forward with their no cost study of HCESD2. Commissioner Philp 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.
- 9. Items for the agenda of the next meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
  - 1937 Combination Truck funding
  - Adoption of the 2021 IFC code with amendments
  - Discussion of Entergy's proposal regarding replacing the generator
- 10. Adjournment**- Commissioner Erbelding made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner O'Blanc 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned 10:41 AM.

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**Max Turner, Secretary**