

**SOUTHWEST LEON COUNTY ESD #2
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MINUTES:**

April 18, 2023

1. Hank Dembosky called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Hank Dembosky led the Board in prayer.
3. Hank Dembosky led the Board in the pledges of allegiance.
4. Guests (1) in attendance are noted on the attached Sign-In Sheet.
5. Commissioners in attendance: President, Hank Dembosky; Vice President, Skip Smith; Assistant Treasurer, Janney Shannon; and Secretary, Claren Kotrla. Absent was Treasurer Tiffani McKinney.
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 - a. There were three bills or invoices for this month. Payment to Skip Smith for \$343.88 for attendance at Safe-D training; Carlton Law Firm for \$33.00 for legal services; and Leon County Appraisal District for \$1348.00 for analysis of tax data. The report made by Janney Shannon was passed unanimously after a motion by Claren Kotrla and a second by Janney Shannon.
 - b. The Financial Report was not available.
 - c. The Quarterly Investment Report was not available.
7. The HTLVFW/EMS March Activity Reports (attached) were presented by HTL VFD/EMS Board President Sheri Guerra. The HTL VFD/ EMS monthly performance measures noted from the activity reports (attached to these minutes) are:
 - 26 Transports
 - Avg. Response Time: 8 min. 24 sec.
 - Avg. Out-of-Chute Time: 00:02:16 min.
 - Fire Trainings: 24 hours
 - Volunteer Hours: 38 hours

Sheri Guerra also presented the attached financial report. Upon presentation and review of the March VFD/EMS Financial and Activity Reports, the Board unanimously voted to accept the HTL VFD/EMS Financial and Operational Reports with motion by Skip Smith and seconded by Janney Shannon. The motion passed unanimously.

8. (a.) Election expenses. Due to the absence of Treasurer McKinney, the final accounting for the Election Expenses was not available.

(b.) Sales Tax Update. Hank Dembosky spoke with the Comptrollers Office. They report forty three businesses in ESD 2. Dembosky will complete the State of Texas Direct Deposit Authorization for deposits into our Prosperity Bank checking account. The first deposit is expected in June.

(c.) Hank Dembosky reported several meetings have been held regarding the Leon County communications project. It was reported that current county-wide police/fire/emergency communication is only fifty five percent and upgrading existing communication towers is needed and well and needing additional communication towers.

(d.) Skip Smith reported meeting with CERT for training. Rene Ramierez from Brazos Valley Council of Government (BVCOG) to provide CERT training here.

(e.) April HTL VFD/ESD/Security Board meeting announced Mr. Steve Risk is the new Fire Chief.
9. Minutes from the March 18, 2023 meeting had been distributed. Janney Shannon made a motion to accept the March meeting minutes. Skip Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
10. Goals and activities for 2023 were discussed. Hank Dembosky is now on the BVCOG Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Board.
11. A legislative initiative (Bill 432) would have a negative impact on funding ESD2 if it were to get out of committee and passed.
12. No announcements or comments were made during Commissioners Open Forum.
13. There were no public comments.
14. Next month's meeting will be on May 16, 2023, at 6:00 pm.
15. Motion to adjourn was made by Janney Shannon and seconded by Skip Smith. Motion passed unanimously at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Claren Kotrla, Board Secretary.