

Southwest Leon Co. Emergency Services District No. 2  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 2, 2024**

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1. Hank Dembosky called the **Special Meeting** to order at 2:01pm.
2. Hank Dembosky led the Board in prayer and pledges of allegiance.
3. Guests (2) are noted on the attached sign-in sheet.
4. Commissioners in attendance: President Hank Dembosky, Vice-President Skip Smith; Treasurer Colleen Majoue, Assistant Treasurer Claren Kotrla, and Secretary Judy Bryant.
5. After discussion by the Board, Majoue motioned to accept the Certification of 2024 Appraisal Role (SEC 26.01) by the District, with a second by Smith. Motion carried.
6. Dembosky suggested the Board discuss the CD interest in a future meeting. Bryant motioned to accept the FY 2024-2025 (10/01/2024 – 09/30/2025) PROPOSED Budget of \$346,350, Version 3, dated 8/02/24, with a second by Kotrla. Motion carried.
7. Discussion and action regarding the 2024 PROPOSED property tax rate. [NOTE – This discussion and vote is only for the PROPOSED property tax rate. The official vote to adopt the Order Levying Taxes will be held at a later date (see below), after the public hearing is held and after the Resolution to Adopt the FY 24-25 Budget is passed.]
  - a. The PROPOSED 2024 tax rate is 0.1000 per \$100 of value.
  - b. After discussion of the PROPOSED 2024 tax rate, the Board approved it with the following record of votes: Dembosky – yes; Smith – yes; Majoue – yes; Kotrla – yes; Bryant – yes. Smith motioned to schedule a public hearing on the proposed tax rate, with a second by Majoue. Motion carried.
  - c. Majoue motioned, and Kotrla seconded, to approve expenses for publication of “Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase” in The Normangee Star. Motion carried.
  - d. Majoue motioned, and Kotrla seconded, to approve posting the “Notice about 2024 Tax Rates” and “Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase” to the home page of the District website. Motion carried.
8. The meeting to vote on the Order Levying Taxes is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 6pm. Prior to the vote, a Public Hearing will be held August 20, 2024, at 6pm at Hilltop Lakes Fire Station, 5 Spring Road, Hilltop Lakes, Texas 77871. Prior to the vote on the Order, a vote on the Resolution to Adopt the FY 24-25 Budget will be held.
9. Public Comment: A brief discussion about the Gransolar battery storage facility project ensued. All first responders should be aware of how the Gransolar Project is going to impact all responders. More information is needed to make this project safe. All of the parties (ESD, Fire & EMS, Project Safety Teams, etc.) need to be involved. Sam Frusti, HTL EMS Supervisor, stated he might request Gransolar provide a van or SUV type vehicle for HTL EMS to use on minor incidents at Gransolar instead of using the HTL ambulance for all medical calls. Frusti also stated that very large amounts of liquids may be needed or used when there’s a fire at either this facility or at the solar farm (Pecan Prairie).
10. At 3:19pm, Majoue motioned to dismiss, with a second by Kotrla. Motion carried.