

Southwest Leon Co. Emergency Services District No. 2
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 2024

1. Hank Dembosky called the meeting to order at 6pm.
2. Hank Dembosky led the Board in prayer.
3. Hank Dembosky led the Board in the pledges of allegiance.
4. Commissioners in attendance: President Hank Dembosky; Vice-President Skip Smith; Treasurer Colleen Majoue; Assistant Treasurer Claren Kotrla; and Secretary Judy Bryant. Guests (3) are noted on the attached sign-in sheet.
5. Treasurer's Report:
 - a) Majoue presented Check 1003 in the amount of \$3,823 for the monthly ambulance payment. Bryant motioned to approve, and Smith seconded. Motion carried.
 - b) (1) Majoue reported on September 2024 and FY23/24 financials (reports attached). Smith motioned to approve, and Kotrla seconded. Motion carried.
(2) Dembosky motioned to approve the \$63.84 QuickBooks monthly subscription, and Smith seconded. Motion carried.
 - c) Sales tax revenue for October 2024 was \$3,672.72.
 - d) (1) Majoue reported on the quarterly investments. Majoue motioned to approve the January 2025 renewal of CD account 258 at Prosperity Bank, and Smith seconded. Motion carried. Majoue and Smith will check on the process for possibly combining the three CDs at Prosperity Bank so renewals can be more easily managed.
6. The HTL VFD/EMS Financial and Activity Reports (attached) were presented by Sheri Guerra and Santiago Guerrero. Santiago stated that HTL VFD needs a tanker. He has been working with Easterly Fire Department on a '99 engine. Less than \$2,000 is needed for upgrades. Helping Hands will facilitate the switch with Robertson County. Santiago reported that the Aggie Bonfire will be on County Road 466, and HTL VFD has been asked to be on standby for calls. [NOTE: It was later learned that the area was only used to cut the logs. NO Bonfire.] It is not sanctioned by Texas A&M. Sheri stated that HTL/VFD will use a grant writer for the next FEMA grant application. Ambulance reimbursement is still low. The monthly performance measures are noted in the activity report. Bryant motioned to approve the reports, and Kotrla seconded. Motion carried.
 - EMS Calls: 23
 - Average Response Time: 5 min
 - Average Out-of-Chute Time: 2 min
 - Fire Training Hours: 15
 - Volunteer Response Hours: 20
7. Reports/Updates/Recommendations:
 - a) Pecan Prairie Solar Project – See attached email from Carolyn Heibert dated 10/22/24.
 - b) GranSolar Bess Texas 3 Battery Storage Project & Black Mountain Battery Storage – Dembosky reported that Black Mountain Battery Storage is a \$180,000,000 project

located in ESD #3 at County Road 434 and Highway 79. Normangee, Flynn & Marquez' VFD's will benefit.

- c) Kotrla stated that a location in Houston is looking for a file cabinet for ESD #2.
 - d) CERT will have a first-aid station at the HTL Fall Festival. Traffic control training will be held November 5th. Santiago remarked that the timing of the training is good because CERT needs to be prepared for the Texas A&M bonfire.
8. Majoue has everything ready for the audit except terms of officers. Dembosky said he will prepare the terms email. Majoue motioned to approve Breedlove & Co., P.C. to perform the audit for FY ending September 30, 2024, for a gross fee between \$5,000 and \$6,500. Smith seconded, and the motion carried. Majoue will take everything to Natalie the week of October 28, 2024.
 9. Dembosky will put everything together for the 2024 Tax Rate Submission Report for Leon County Tax Assessor/Collector and send it to Vicki Willis.
 10. Solar Farm & Battery Storage safety plans should be reviewed by a Fire Marshal. Leon County does not have one; therefore, ESD #2 may need to hire a Fire Marshal to review the plans. Dembosky will discuss with Judge Ryder, TJ Foley and possibly others about a solution. Santiago stated that he will talk to the State Fire Marshal's Office to see if it will review it.
 11. Majoue motioned to approve the September 17, 2024, meeting minutes, and Smith seconded. Motion carried.
 12. Smith's, Bryant's, and Kotrla's terms as ESD #2 Commissioners are expiring. Smith and Bryant stated they are willing to serve another two-year term. Kotrla will not.
 13. There were no items from our Law Firm to discuss.
 14. All ESD #2 Commissioners, except Bryant, receive the SAFE-D magazine.
 15. Commissioners' Open Forum:
 - a) Sales tax revenue needs to be on SAFE-D's radar because ESDs could lose sales tax money. Dembosky spoke with Texas State Representative Angelia Orr about this when she was here.
 - b) Dembosky stated there is a possibility of a future requirement for ESD Commissioners to be voted in, rather than being appointed. This is based on the idea that individuals spending county money should be voted in.
 - c) Dembosky and Smith attended SAFE-D's October 15, 2024, meeting in Austin. The handout for that meeting is attached. SAFE-D legislative are held on the same dates as ESD #2 meets. Dembosky and/or Smith may periodically attend the SAFE-D meetings to stay current on news, discussions and happenings.
 16. Upcoming community events are the HTL Fall Fest and HLEA Barn Dance.
 17. Next meeting is November 19, 2024, at 6pm.
 18. Kotrla motioned to adjourn at 8:22pm, and Smith seconded. Motion carried.