

Southwest Leon Co. Emergency Services District No. 2
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2025

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. Guests (5) in attendance are noted on the attached sign-in sheet.
Commissioners in attendance: President Hank Dembosky; Vice-President Skip Smith; Treasurer Colleen Majoue; Secretary Judy Bryant, Assistant Treasurer Claren Kotrla and newly appointed Commissioner Lori McGuire.
5. Swearing in and Signing Oath of Office documents postponed due to Leon County Office closure for inclement weather. To be rescheduled ASAP.
6. Statement of Officer forms (Form 2201) were signed by Commissioners Smith, Bryant, and McGuire.
7. The Public Information Act forms were signed by all Commissioners.
8. New Commissioner McGuire was seated, and departing Commissioner Kotrla transferred new safe keys to Dembosky and McGuire.
9. Smith made a motion, and Majoue seconded, for returning Commissioners Dembosky (President), Smith (Vice-President), Majoue (Treasurer) and Bryant (Secretary) to remain in their current positions. Motion carried. McGuire was unanimously elected to be Assistant Treasurer, once she is officially sworn in.
10. Dembosky sent a message last week to both Caroline Hiebert and Ryan Turner asking for 2025 project information, such as impact on local roads and number of expected local area personnel. Full operation of Pecan Prairie Solar Farm is expected to be on or before January 1, 2028. All of the 2,200 to 2,500 acre project is within Southwest Leon County ESD #2. Property taxes should give us some additional revenue, with a first year expected property tax increase of \$125,000. HTL Property Owners' Association to be responsible for providing solar and battery storage status information to HTL property owners.
11. Treasurer's Report:
 - a) Majoue presented four (4) checks for approval (list attached). Smith motioned to approve all checks, and Bryant seconded. Motion carried.
 - b) Majoue reported on December 2024 financials (reports attached). Bryant motioned to approve, and Majoue seconded. Motion carried.
 - c) Sales tax revenue for January 2025 was \$6,102.93.
 - d) Smith motioned to approve the Quarterly Investment Report, and Majoue seconded. Motion carried.
12. The HTL VFD/EMS Financial and Activity Reports (attached) were presented by Sheri Guerra, Jim Hawthorn and Jennifer Travis. The monthly performance measures reported are noted in the activity report. Dembosky stated that the pumper truck from Easterly is coming and that we need to keep an open dialogue with HTLVFD on their needs/plans for the truck. Brush trucks #1 and #2 may need some work done on them soon. Majoue motioned to approve the reports, and Smith seconded. Motion carried.
 - EMS Calls: 35
 - Average Response Time: 5 mins
 - Average Out-of-Chute Time: 2 mins

- Fire Training Hours: 0
- Volunteer Response Hours: 22

13. Reports/Updates/Recommendations:

- a) GranSolar Bess Texas 3 Battery Storage Project – no update.
 - b) December 30, 2024, Leon County Commissioners Court Meeting – (1) Dembosky provided a copy of the 2024 annual report and current (FY 23/24) audit (copies attached) to the Court. Copies were also provided to all ESD Commissioners. (2) ESD Audit by County Auditor – had requested audits and required trainings for Open Meetings, etc. We (ESD #2) were the only ESD out of 4 in Leon County that provided the items requested by the Auditor. (3) Court requested ESD #2 provide an annual report template for county-wide use. (4) Solar Plant – Court approved changes to solar plant size. (5) Used Vehicles – Commissioner suggested that county used vehicles be offered to ESD's prior to their auction.
 - c) Smith stated that Pipeline Training has been completed by more CERT. Dembosky provided a list of all pipelines to Sherry Guerra, who will, in turn, provide the list to Fire Chief Steve Risk.
14. The possibility of funding the registration fee for one HTL VFD/EMS attendee at the annual SAFE-D conference was discussed. Majoue motioned to approve, and Smith seconded. Motion carried.
 15. The requirement for annual posting of the ESD's physical address was discussed. The posting (attached) will appear in The Normangee Star newspaper for two weeks. Majoue motioned to approve, and Smith seconded. Motion carried.
 16. Dembosky, Smith, and McGuire will attend the SAFE-D annual conference February 6-8, 2025.
 17. Smith motioned to approve the December 17, 2024, meeting minutes, and Majoue seconded. Motion carried.
 18. No items were recommended by our Law Firm.
 19. Dembosky stated that we need to monitor what we provide to SAFE-D for our website, such as our audit, to be sure that the most current documents are available.
 20. HTL Fire Board Annual Meeting is Saturday, January 25, 2025, at 10am. Amber Neel or Skip Smith will cover the CERT report. Dembosky will provide the ESD report.
 21. No public comment.
 22. Next meeting will be Friday, February 21, 2025, at 2pm.
 23. At 8:25pm, Bryant motioned to adjourn, and Majoue seconded. Motion carried.