

Southwest Leon Co. Emergency Services District No. 2  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 20, 2025**

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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 (2) are noted on the attached sign-in sheet. Commissioners in attendance: President Hank Dembosky; Vice-President Skip Smith; Treasurer Colleen Majoue; Assistant Treasurer Lori McGuire; and Secretary Judy Bryant.
5. Treasurer's Report:
  - a) Majoue presented two (2) checks for approval (list attached). Majoue motioned to approve, and Smith seconded. Motion carried.
  - b) Majoue reported on April 2025 financials (report attached). Interest on the Normangee checking account has decreased. With all the CDs and checking accounts, we have close to \$800,000 at present, but current year encumbered expenses will lessen that amount. Sales tax revenue deposited in Normangee State Bank is used to make the monthly payments for the new ambulance, unbudgeted repairs to capital equipment, unanticipated costs to the HTL VFD/EMS, and future capital expenditures. The funds in Prosperity Bank are used for operational costs, including the operations contract with HTL VFD/EMS. Bryant motioned to approve, and Majoue seconded. Motion carried.
  - c) Sales tax revenue for May 2025 was \$23,187.32 (copy attached).
6. The HTL VFD/EMS Financial and Activity Reports (attached) were presented by Sheri Guerra (VFD) and Jennifer Travis (EMS). The monthly performance measures reported are noted in the activity report. Majoue motioned to approve the reports, and McGuire seconded. Motion carried.
  - EMS Calls: 26
  - Average Response Time: 9 min. 23 sec.
  - Average Out-of-Chute Time: 1min. 28 sec.
  - Fire Training Hours: 15
  - Response Hours: 28
  - a) Sheri Guerra stated they received \$4,930 this year from the State for EMS supplies, and they spent it conservatively to make it go as far as possible.
  - b) Jennifer Travis reported that (1) EMS had three runs out of District this month.
  - c) HTL VFD/EMS received about \$13,000 from their golf tournament.
7. Reports/Updates/Recommendations:
  - a) Pecan Prairie Solar Project – Dembosky expects ESD will have involvement in preconstruction planning starting in June 2025.
  - b) GranSolar Bess Texas 3 Battery Storage Project – no update.
  - c) Smith attended the May 6, 2025, SAFE-D meeting at the State Capitol. Highlights of the meeting included: (1) House Bill 3000 (ambulance funding) is out of the House but still waiting on it in the Senate. (2) House Bill 924 could impact our online sales tax revenue. To date, it has not moved out of committee. Smith visited with State Representative Angelia Orr to discuss the impact this Bill could have on our ESD. (3) House Bill 5611 on preventative health services did not get out of the House. (4) Need to follow up on the \$80M for statewide rural Fire/EMS that we were told had been part of the budget last October.
  - d) Dembosky visited the County Appraisal District [See Item #9]. He also met with the County Emergency Manager to discuss Leon County Communications System and VFD/EMS upgrades.
  - e) Smith stated that CERT's current training focus is Search & Rescue, and they would like to do monthly training sessions. Also, there is a "ton" of water in the Wealthy Station that could be used during a disaster, and CERT needs a key to the building. Sheri Guerra said the CERT trailer could also be stored there to get it out of the sun.

- f) Dembosky reported that 43 people came out for the sales tax election for other Leon County ESDs. It passed with 31 votes for/12 votes against. Dembosky also noted that Leon County ESD No. 3 has published a pamphlet explaining who they are and what they do.
  - g) Files and Records – Claren Kotrla’s dolly is missing, and it needs to be found and returned to Claren. It was used to move the new file safe into the Fire Station.
8. No action taken. DACO has not come yet, but they will fix valves on the tanker and also do battery maintenance on the newly acquired fire truck. Smith motioned to table this until our June ESD meeting, and it was seconded by Majoue. Motion carried.
  9. The 2025 Estimated Appraisal Roll (SEC 26.01(e)) was received from the Appraisal Office. It shows potentially \$22,850 additional income for the next FY. The Appraisal District is required to provide the Certified Appraisal Roll for the next FY by July 25. Because the City sold Normangee Lake, it is now taxable. Leon County still has no Chief Appraiser, so David Ballard is continuing to do it on a temporary basis. ESD 2 uses The Carlton Law Firm to prepare our Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet (Form 50-856) and we will continue to do so as part of our budget planning and approval process. Dembosky requested fellow Commissioners review the current budget and anticipated expenditures and be prepared to work on next year’s budget at the June meeting. This year’s budget has funds for a single laptop and printer, so further discussion is needed at the June meeting.
  10. Smith motioned to approve the April 15, 2025, meeting minutes, and Majoue seconded. Motion carried.
  11. SAFE-D Training Certificates for February 2025 are attached for Dembosky (11.5 hours) and Lori McGuire (13.5 hours).
  12. See attached May 12, 2025, email from Dembosky to Jeff Murski asking that Congressman Pete Sessions support House Resolution 2766, which would allow ESDs to access federal funding and grants.
  13. No public comments.
  14. Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 6pm.
  15. At 7:34pm, Smith motioned to adjourn, and Majoue seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Bryant  
Secretary

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