

Southwest Leon Co. Emergency Services District No. 2
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 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 (4) are noted on the attached sign-in sheet. Commissioners in attendance: President Hank Dembosky; Vice-President Skip Smith; Treasurer Colleen Majoue; Secretary Judy Bryant; and Assistant Treasurer Lori McGuire. NOTE: At this point, Dembosky asked Bob Hickman, Leon County Emergency Management, to provide an update on towers and radios. Towers will be located at Leon High School, Hwy. 977, CR 106 in Leona, Sheriff's Office Dispatch, and Oakwood. Seven million dollars will be used for tower construction. Digital radios will be available for Fire, EMS, and law enforcement. Handheld coverage will be 98%, and mobile units will have 100% coverage. Currently used home scanners will no longer work.
5. Treasurer's Report:
 - a) Majoue presented four (4) checks for approval (list attached). Smith motioned to approve, and Majoue seconded. Dembosky provided flash drives to all ESD board members for work-at-home products that need to be loaded onto the new computer in the office at HTL Fire Station.
 - b) Majoue reported on June 2025 financials (report attached). Some property tax funds have not yet been received, so the budget is off approximately \$5,600. There is some cushion in legal fees, the laptop purchase exceeded the budget by \$200, and almost \$1,000 was saved on insurance. Smith motioned to approve, and Majoue seconded.
 - c) Sales tax revenue for July 2025 was \$21,949.71 (copy attached). Dembosky stated that ESD No. 2 needs to make certain that sales tax revenue is correct because the Comptroller's Office can always take away funds that shouldn't have been received.
 - d) Majoue reported on the quarterly investment summary (copy attached). After combining CDs, there are now two Certificates of Deposit, instead of four. One is with Normangee State Bank, and the other is with Prosperity Bank. The CD at Prosperity Bank is scheduled to auto-renew September 30, 2025. Sales tax revenue is deposited in Normangee State Bank account, and all other revenue is deposited in Prosperity Bank. At the time of this meeting, ESD No. 2 exceeds the FDIC Insured amount at both banks. Majoue will discuss with Scott Christensen. There may be a need to collateralize with a third party that guarantees the funds we have.
6. The HTL VFD/EMS Financial and Activity Reports (attached) were presented by Sheri Guerra (VFD) and William Flippin (EMS). The monthly performance measures reported are noted in the activity report. Smith motioned to approve the reports, and McGuire seconded. Motion carried.
 - EMS Calls: 24
 - Average Response Time: 08 mins
 - Average Out-of-Chute Time: 01 min, 32 secs
 - Fire Training Hours: 24
 - Response Hours: 45

Guerra reported that every vehicle is working as it should be. HTLVFD applied for (1) a Texas Mutual Grant that, if approved, will allow them to purchase radios, boots and hoods; (2) HTLVFD's FEMA grant request is for \$500,000. If the FEMA request is granted, HTLVFD will be required to do a 10% match. Ambulance revenue increased in June 2025 and is up \$35,000 in the last six months.

Flippin reported that EMS staff have completed a significant amount of training. He would like to purchase EMS I Academy at an estimated cost of \$1,000. It will allow him to make/monitor EMS assignments and create their own training programs. Additionally, if new EMS employees are hired, it should show all courses (admin, workplace violence, etc.) the new hire has previously completed. Flippin will talk with Ryan Bowles of Repsol and conduct training on construction site injuries. EMS attended CERT Training July 14th, 2025.

7. Reports/Updates/Recommendations:

- a) Pecan Prairie Solar Project – Ty White is no longer employed by Repsol. There is no update on the project, other than they're waiting for mobilization to start.
- b) GranSolar Bess Texas 3 Battery Storage Project – Per Ryan Turner's July 14, 2025 email message (attached), Gransolar is still in the process of getting the interconnection studies back from Brazos Electric.
- c) The 89th Legislative Session Recap Webcast will be broadcast at 6:30pm on August 11, 2025. Smith will view the webcast in Dembosky's absence, but all ESD commissioners are welcome to view it. Dembosky will email the link to last year's Budget/Funding webcast to all Commissioners.
- d) Dembosky met with State Representative Angelia Orr Saturday, July 12, at Fort Boggy to discuss Emergency Planning.
- e) Financial policies require ESDs to have an investment officer. Treasurer Majoue is the Investment Officer for ESD No. 2 (signed resolution attached).

8. Majoue motioned to approve \$2,100 from sales tax revenue for HTL/VFD tanker repairs and other VFD/EMS items. Smith seconded, and the motion carried.

9. FY 25/26 Annual Budget:

- a) Certified tax roll from Leon County is due July 23, 2025. Dembosky will provide the tax roll information to Carlton Law Firm. A tax rate must be adopted, a notice of the adopted tax rate posted in the newspaper for two weeks, and a meeting must be held the first week of August.
- b) Ninety-five percent (95%) of the certified tax roll will be provided to HTL/VFD, and the remaining five percent (5%) will be held in reserves.

10. An unencumbered funds amount needs to be provided to Carlton Law Firm, so \$15,000 of unencumbered funds will be entered into the budget.

11. Dembosky proposed July 31, 2025 at 11am for the budget meeting.

12. Majoue motioned to approve the June 17, 2025 meeting minutes, and McGuire seconded. Motion carried.

13. See Item 7 c) above.

14. None.

15. None.

16. The FY25/26 budget meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 11am.

17. At 8:52pm, Smith motioned to adjourn, and McGuire seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Bryant, Secretary

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