

Southwest Leon Co. Emergency Services District No. 2
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
August 25, 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 (2) 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.
5. No one appeared before the Board of Commissioners for the public hearing on the proposed tax rate; therefore, Dembosky declared the public hearing closed.
6. Treasurer's Report:

Prior to the Board addressing agenda items 6(a) through 6(c), a July 10, 2025 letter of engagement from Breedlove & Co., P.C. to provide audit services for ESD No. 2 audit for year ending September 30, 2025 was discussed. Smith motioned to approve the engagement of audit services and for Dembosky to sign and return the letter to Breedlove. Majoue seconded, and the motion carried.

 - a) Majoue presented four (4) checks for approval (list attached). Bryant motioned to approve, and McGuire seconded. Motion carried. Sheri Guerra (HTL/VFD) addressed the Board regarding \$5,998.68 in expenses for mold remediation upstairs in the Fire Station, purchase of fire extinguishers, and internet service. Smith motioned to approve \$6,000 in sales tax revenue for purchases and repairs, and Majoue seconded. Motion carried.
 - b) Majoue reported on July 2025 financials (report attached). Majoue motioned to approve, and Smith seconded. Motion carried.
 - c) Sales tax revenue for August 2025 was \$17,306.36 (copy attached).
7. 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: 26
 - Average Response Time: Medic1 - 07 mins, 42 secs; Medic2 - 07 mins, 34 secs
 - Average Out-of-Chute Time: 01 mins, 36 secs
 - Fire Training Hours: 26
 - Response Hours: 22
- Guerra** reported that (1) the Brush Rescue Vehicle was sold, and two portable radios (one each for VFD and EMS) were purchased with the proceeds; (2) no bill has been received from DACO; (3) the August 4, 2025 Independent Accountants' Review Report on HTL/VFD financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2024 was received (copy attached). The annual audit concluded no material deficiencies or modifications that should be made to the financial statements; and (4) new T-shirts, Polo shirts, and hats with were purchased for HTL/VFD and EMS volunteers and staff.

Flippin reported that (1) HTL/EMS requested funds from Regional Advisory Council (RAC) and was awarded \$10,000 to purchase a transport ventilator for the ambulance. He has previous experience with the ventilator and will train all HTL/EMS personnel; (2) He conducted training for HTL Property Owners' Association with approximately 40 people in attendance; (3) He is scheduled to provide additional training to CERT in September 2025 and AED Training for St. Thomas More Catholic Church in October 2025; and (4) Department of State Health Services conducted a virtual inspection of HTL/EMS, and they passed with no deficiencies. The last inspection was conducted in 2018.
8. Reports/Updates/Recommendations:
 - a) Pecan Prairie Solar Project – No update provided by Repsol; however, Guerra reported that Repsol plans to have a job fair for the solar project. Dembosky noted the project will start with just a few employees and increase to 300-400 employees.

- b) GranSolar Bess Texas 3 Battery Storage Project – no report.
 - c) Emergency Planning, CERT – no report.
9. The ESD No. 2 approved operating budget for October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$446,835 was discussed. The Board approved the adoption of the budget with the following record votes: Dembosky – yes; Smith – yes; Majoue – yes; McGuire – yes; Bryant – yes. Bryant will have the document notarized, and Dembosky will send it to SAFE-D for posting on the website.
 10. After review of the Order Levying Taxes, Dembosky made the following motion: “I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.100000, which is effectively a 19.37 percent increase in the tax rate.” Majoue seconded the motion. The Board approved the adoption of the tax rate with the following record votes: Dembosky – yes; Smith – yes; Majoue – yes; McGuire – yes; Bryant – yes. Bryant will have the document notarized, and Dembosky will send it to the County Tax Assessor Collector and County Clerk.
 11. Smith motioned, and Majoue seconded, for Dembosky to send the statement of the adopted tax rate to SAFE-D for posting on the ESD No. 2 webpage. Motion carried.
 12. Based on projected revenue availability, Majoue motioned, and McGuire seconded, to approve \$414,570 to support operations and maintenance of HTL VFD/EMS during FY 25/26. Motion carried.
 13. Majoue motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the July 15, 2025 and July 29, 2025 meetings. McGuire seconded, and the motion carried.
 14. Legislation: Dembosky acknowledged (1) receiving information about the new requirement to post ESD meeting agendas three business days before the meeting date; and (2) still hearing talk about getting rid of lobbyists.
 15. Dembosky noted that Hilltop Lakes residents represent the majority population in Precinct 4 and pay the highest taxes in Leon County, yet Hilltop does not receive its proportional share of funding, especially for roads. Guerra stated that Andre De La Garza is running against Judge Byron Ryder for Leon County Judge and special attention needs to be paid to the Precinct.
 16. None.
 17. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6pm.
 18. At 7:45pm, Smith motioned to adjourn, and Majoue seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Bryant, Secretary

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