

Southwest Leon Co. Emergency Services District No. 2
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2026

1. Hank Dembosky called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.
2. Dembosky led the Board in prayer.
3. Dembosky led the Board in the pledges of allegiance.
4. Guests (6) are noted on the attached sign-in sheet. Commissioners in attendance: President Hank Dembosky; Treasurer Colleen Majoue; Secretary Judy Bryant; and Assistant Treasurer Lori McGuire. Vice-President Smith was absent.
5. Treasurer's Report:
 - a) Majoue presented four checks for approval (list attached). McGuire motioned to approve all checks, and Majoue seconded. Motion carried.
 - b) Majoue reported on February 2026 financials (report attached). Appraisal fees should be in March. Majoue motioned to approve, and McGuire seconded. Motion carried.
 - c) Sales tax revenue for March 2026 was \$6,539.58 (copy attached). Dembosky suggested ESD No. 2 conduct additional research on the significant reduction in sales tax revenue based on the comparison of \$35,818.00 received in February 2025 vs. \$5,522.99 received in February 2026 and \$34,134.38 received in March 2025 vs. \$6,539.58 received in March 2026. McGuire motioned to approve, and Majoue seconded. Motion carried.
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. Majoue motioned to approve the reports, and McGuire seconded. Motion carried.
 - EMS Calls: 12
 - Average Response Time: Medic 2 – 08 mins, 48 secs
 - Average Out-of-Chute Time: 01 min, 55 secs
 - Fire Training Hours: 22
 - Response Hours: 22

Flippin reported (1) 48 EMS calls so far this year; (2) average response time on printout is incorrect, but is correctly reported above as 08 mins, 48 secs; (3) Health Fair was held March 16; (4) AED Training Course will be held for Hilltop Lakes Chapel in April 2026; (4) both ambulances are currently fully functional; and (5) there are currently three EMS teams, with each team working two days on/four days off. Guerra reported (1) HTLVFD responded to grass fire calls and eight medical assist calls; (2) no response on the tower extension request; (3) generator was hooked up/started March 16. The internet line was hit during installation, resulting in the loss of Brazos Wi-Fi internet. Brazos Wi-Fi fixed it, but the line is on the ground. They will come back to bury it; (4) Fire Station Training Building electrical repairs have been completed; (5) HTLVFD had to pay \$25,000 for extrication equipment and is still waiting for reimbursement from Texas Forest Service. Normangee and Hilltop VFDs will have extrication equipment training; (6) white ambulance has a refrigerated door issue. Nomadic is going to replace and pay for it; (7) Dembosky reported he sent information to HTLEMS on the Rural Health Transformation Grant. The grant will provide \$281,319,361 per year for the next five years to Texas. The grant was approved at the end of 2025, but it's unknown when funds will be available. If HTLEMS applies for and receives funds, one possible use could be to outfit the red ambulance to get it into better shape. Flippin will research the Rural Health Transformation Grant; and (8) Dembosky reported that Ryan Bowles of Repsol has funds available in his budget for HTLVFD needs.
7. Reports/Updates/Recommendations:
 - a) Treasurer's Bond has been received, but it was for one year at a cost of \$500 versus two years at a cost of \$725. Majoue will contact Benny at VFIS and Robin at Leon County Clerk's office to get the bond term corrected. Majoue will sign it, have it notarized, and forward it to Leon County Clerk's Office.

- b) Renewal for VFIS Insurance has been paid.
 - c) Full payment of \$10,521.18 from Garland PILOT was received via direct deposit into Prosperity Bank account.
 - d) No report.
 - e) Dembosky will ask auditor if she will accept SAFE-D training transcripts because it will be some time before actual training certificates are received. Dembosky has all 2026 training transcripts, except Smith's.
 - f) McGuire has an early draft of ESD#2 Policy Handbook. There will be future discussions on the best way to set it up. McGuire has also started Google Drive for sharing.
 - g) Annual SAM Registration was completed by Dembosky last month.
 - h) Pecan Prairie Solar Project – Ryan Bowles and Shelby Castleberry attended the Fire Board Meeting last month. There are 72 on-site workers at the north yard.
 - i) GranSolar Bess Texas 3 Battery Storage Project – No update.
 - j) Emergency Planning, CERT – Dembosky reported training will be held April 10-12 for new CERT members.
8. Guerra reported the cost for generator installation and propane was \$1,594.50. Dembosky motioned to use sales tax revenue to reimburse HTLVFD. Majoue seconded, and the motion carried. Check 1045 was added to list of approved bill payments in Item 5(a) above.
 9. Majoue completed and submitted the Special Purposes District Report online March 17, 2026 (copy attached).
 10. Dembosky recommended adding the recently received Garland PILOT funds to the 4-month CD at Prosperity Bank. McGuire made a motion to accept Dembosky's recommendation, and Majoue seconded. Motion carried. Dembosky also pointed out that powerlines in the ESD No. 2 area are Garland PILOT powerlines.
 11. Dembosky wants to talk to the Comptroller's Office about the sales tax fluctuations so they can show him specific ESD No. 2 data and explain to him why there is such a fluctuation in sales tax income. Majoue talked to Katie at HdL about the sales tax income fluctuations. Katie will prepare a presentation on what their company can do for ESD No. 2 on analyzing the sales tax data. There will be a ZOOM meeting in May with Katie so we can compare HdL information to Comptroller's Office information.
 12. There were no items recommended by our Law Firm.
 13. Majoue motioned to approve the February 17, 2026, meeting minutes, and McGuire seconded. Motion carried.
 14. Dembosky spoke with M&M about purchasing polo shirts for ESD No. 2 Commissioners. Cost per shirt is \$35, to be paid with personal funds. Commissioners prefer script on shirts versus a logo. Dembosky will ask for a script sample.
 15. Per Dembosky, the March 3 election has not yet been certified; therefore, only unofficial results have been posted. He further noted there has not been an agenda item on county meeting notices for certifying the election.
 16. Dembosky attended a webinar on Rural Health Training Program grant last week.
 17. Guest Michael Rice addressed the Board about the (1) potential risks/hazards of the four Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) slated for Leon County and (2) the need for a Leon County Fire Marshal. The handout he provided is attached.
 18. Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6pm.
 19. At 9:13pm, Majoue motioned to adjourn, and McGuire seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Bryant, Secretary

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