

Southwest Leon Co. Emergency Services District No. 2
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2026

1. Hank Dembosky called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.
2. Dembosky led the Board in prayer.
3. Dembosky led the Board in the pledges of allegiance.
4. Guests (2) were Gary Morrow, NE Leon County ESD #4, and Sheri Guerra, HTLVFD. Commissioners in attendance: President Hank Dembosky; Vice-President Skip Smith; Treasurer Colleen Majoue; Secretary Judy Bryant; and Assistant Treasurer Lori McGuire. Mr. Morrow would like to receive sales tax revenue for NE Leon County ESD #4. Dembosky will send the State Comptroller's Office website information to him.
5. David Berzins and Richard Fletcher of HdL Companies joined the meeting via telephone to discuss sales tax revenue. Dembosky explained (1) the high volume of sales tax revenue ESD No. 2 had been receiving versus the significantly reduced sales tax revenue received since the beginning of CY2026; (2) ESD No. 2 has received \$75,000 less through May 2026 than was received in 2025, which equates to a 67% reduction in sales tax revenue; (3) ESD No. 2 previously received sales tax from Walmart, but none has been received from Walmart this year; and (4) Amazon opened a distribution center in the Bryan/College Station area; however, Amazon no longer delivers packages to Hilltop Lakes. Instead, packages are left at Normangee Post Office for delivery to Hilltop Lakes satellite post office. Mr. Berzins and Mr. Fletcher explained their duties through HdL are providing consultations and reports to their customers. The client service team conducts audit services to ensure everyone is paying taxes that should be, and the report is provided to the customer. Mr. Fletcher said they could give ESD No. 2 access to their system for 90 days at no cost. HdL can send an authorization letter that must be signed by President Dembosky for HdL to review sales tax data for January 2025 through the current date. Because the data is confidential information, HdL will sit down with only one or two ESD No. 2 board members to discuss the review results. Smith motioned to accept HdL's proposal, and Majoue seconded. Motion carried. HdL will send the authorization letter to Dembosky next week. Mr. Berzins and Mr. Fletcher also mentioned that a Comprehensive Community Information Report (CCI) could be beneficial to ESD No. 2. It would provide demographic information such as age, poverty status, number of children under 18 years of age, senior citizens over 65, number of non-English speaking homes, and household income. The cost for the CCI is \$2,700, and it is updated annually. No action was taken on the CCI.
6. Treasurer's Report:
 - a) Majoue presented one check for approval (see attached). Majoue motioned to approve the check, and McGuire seconded. Motion carried.
 - b) Majoue reported on April 2026 financials (report attached), and Dembosky prepared a Profit/Loss Statement dated 5/19/2026 for discussion (attached). ESD No. 2 Board discussion included the following: (1) It is unclear at this point if ESD No. 2 will even receive \$100,000 this year in sales tax revenue; (2) ESD No. 2 still has funding to meet FY expenditures; (3) ESD No. 2 may use Carlton Law Firm services this year for budget preparation; (4) Dembosky may investigate if ESD No. 2 will be required to use "this is a tax increase" when property tax rates are being established, even if we remain at the current rate; (5) At this point, it is possible that ESD No. 2 may be operating in the red by the end of this year under our new budget process; (6) Dembosky reported that ESD No. 2 is close to having property tax revenue that is needed to cover the VFD contract, and there may be extra money for HTLVFD towards the end of the year; and (7) Prosperity CSD is set to renew May 30, 2026. Per discussion at last month's meeting, within 10 days of renewal, Majoue will deposit \$10,521.18 (Garland PILOT) into the ESD No. 2 Certificate of Deposit at Prosperity Bank. Smith motioned to approve the financial reports, and Majoue seconded. Motion carried.
 - c) Sales tax revenue for May 2026 was \$8,134.74 (copy attached).
7. The HTL VFD/EMS Financial and Activity Reports (attached) were presented by Sheri Guerra (VFD). The monthly performance measures reported are noted in the activity report. Majoue motioned to approve the reports, and McGuire seconded. Motion carried.
 - EMS Calls: 19
 - Average Response Time: Medic 1 – 07 mins, 15 secs; Medic 2 – 08 mins, 20 secs
 - Average Out-of-Chute Time: 01 min, 41 secs
 - Fire Training Hours: 22
 - Response Hours: 32

Guerra reported (1) new Fire Board Member Kevin Morton, nickname Hero or Coach, is expected to arrive in June 2026; (2) average response time for Medic 1 and Medic 2 combined was 7 minutes, 56 seconds and longest response time was 20 minutes; (3) increased ambulance revenue; (4) receipt of several payments; (5) \$25,000 reimbursement expected soon for extrication equipment; (6) ambulance loan is down to \$130,000; (7) little door on generator is broken, and replacement is expected soon; (8) crawfish boil and dessert auction was held to benefit HTLVFD; (9) Mastek made a huge banner for the crawfish boil and several Mastek people came to eat; (10) runoff election for Foley and Hemphill will be held May 26 at the fire station; (11) all golf tournament sponsorships have been received; and (12) new address for the fire station is 129 Spring Road, the library is 128 Spring Road, and the bay doors is 144 Spring Road. Smith motioned to approve the report, and McGuire seconded. Motion carried.

- a) Dembosky put together a Rural Health Transformation Program application narrative (attached). Rural health is changing, and improvements are needed. He asked if HTLVFD/EMS or ESD No. 2 will put the application together. Guerra will look it over. Deadline for submission is 10:30am on June 1, 2026. Majoue motioned to allow ESD No. 2 to complete the application, and McGuire seconded. Motion carried.

8. Reports/Updates/Recommendations:

- a) Sales tax review was covered in item 5 above.
 - b) McGuire submitted an Equipment Checkout Procedure policy. The ESD laptop has Microsoft Edge on it, but McGuire wanted to know if she could install Chrome on the laptop. There were no objections. She would also like to have a laptop bag. Her request for the bag will be added to next month's meeting agenda.
 - c) Smith was at Pecan Prairie Solar Project today. They had 10,000 yards of mulch delivered. No one from Pecan Prairie attended the Fire Board Meeting.
 - d) Dembosky sent an email to Ryan Turner, Project Developer at Gransolar Group. Mr. Turner replied that they are still waiting for the last Interconnection Study to be completed, and they do not anticipate any construction to begin this year (email attached).
 - e) No CERT meeting this month. Amber Neel is probably going to be working part-time for the BVCOG Area Aging. Dembosky spoke with Red Cross, and they will do shelter training in the event of a disaster.
 - f) Majoue reported shirts are \$21 each at M&M Apparel. The shirts are red and names will be stitched in white. Dembosky will donate \$150 to be used toward the purchase of the shirts. Majoue will place the order.
9. None currently. Guerra reported that ACE Electric will have to run electricity for the fans, but HTLVFD is not ready to spend the money.
10. There were no items recommended by our Law Firm.
11. Dembosky received a statement from Leon County Central Appraisal District on 2026 estimated appraisal roll (attached). ESD No. 2 may see a slight increase when the official roll is prepared. The LCAD is required to provide this information to ESDs by the end of July 2026.
12. He has been active to assure the Appraisal District is out doing appraisals on our large projects.
13. Smith motioned to approve the April 21, 2026, meeting minutes, and Majoue seconded. Motion carried.
14. Leon County Precinct 4 Commissioner election between Foley and Hemphill is May 26 at the Fire Station. McGuire will keep up with training certificates and will file them electronically. SAFE-D is coming to Stella Hotel in College Station on June 15 to conduct training. Dembosky and Smith will be attending.
15. None.
16. None.
17. Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 6pm.
18. At 8:24pm, Smith motioned to adjourn, and Majoue seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Bryant, Secretary

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