

Regular Meeting Notice

Houston County Emergency Services District NO. 2

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Notice is hereby given with Section 555.041 of the Texas Government Code that the Houston County Emergency Services District No. 2 will meet in a Regular Monthly Meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Houston County Emergency Service Center located at 600 Bradshaw St., Crockett, Texas 75835.

1. Call to order and establish a quorum. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Pres. William Money and Commissioners Todd Stone, Ken Lair, Steve Hawkins, and Greg Brooks were present.
2. Recognition and welcome. The following members were present:

Jason Frizzell- Crockett FD

Billy Albright-Austonio VFD

Bob VanVoast- Latexo VFD

Paul Blaylock- Latexo VFD

Nealy Cook- Porter Springs VFD

Shane Reeder- Lonestar

John Cimrhanzl- Lovelady VFD

Linda Mckeon-Belott VFD

Brian Simmons-Simmon/Martin

Meagan Frizzell- Houston Co. EMC

Mike - Weches VFD

Tommy Smith- Grapeland VFD

Don Parrish-Kennard FD

Ross Van Dine- Pennington VFD

Billy Cariker-Porter Springs VFD

Melissa Gray-Lovelady VFD

Kieth Simmons- Ratcliff VFD

Kaylie Wheeler- Ratcliff VFD

Miguel Benavides-Ratcliff VFD

3. Public Comment- Had two guests speak representing Lonestar and Simmon/Martin Fire Apparrels.
4. Amended the previous minutes B to read online Payment on Pennington truck. Greg Brooks made the motion to accept as Amended. Motion carried and minutes were approved..
5. Update on Radio repeaters- Money gave a report on the repeaters and how they are working.
6. Discussion on building Lovelady a new fire station- Have not been able to address yet until our lawyer is contacted.
7. Discuss with departments issues with response master- Greg Brooks gave a report. The general consensus was to research and report back what our options would be concerning response master.
8. Update on Crockett truck purchase and reimbursement- Jason Frizzell reported that he has been in contact with the salesman and that as soon as the truck had a VIN number issued the forest service would issue a check.
9. Update on Ratcliff truck repairs- Kieth Skinner reported that they were still working on the down truck. The cost was going to be too much so they would use the bed and skid on a new truck. He was given the go ahead to begin getting quotes for a new truck.
10. Updates on finding Weeches a new grass truck- Mike reported that Cutshaw in Grapeland could build a new truck for 51K for a 3500 single cab truck. Steve Hawkins made the motion to move forward with the truck and Ken Lair seconded the motion. The motion carried.
11. Further discuss buying jaws/tanker trucks for departments that do not have them- discussion was offered to get a firm price on 5 sets. Tips would be included 4 batteries, and a charger. Pennington, Ratcliff, Porter Springs, Weeches, and Belott would be the recipients.
12. Discuss Kennard Contract- Some discussion was offered concerning the contract. An old contract was presented and Steve Hawkins and William Money volunteered to meet with the Lawyer to discuss options.
13. Discuss with departments new protocol on bookkeeping and quarterly payments- Some discussion was held. Departments will have to present quarterly statements and balances before checks would be issued. Also Lovelady, Wheches, Porter springs, and Ratcliff were due for yearly audits.
14. Reports from VFD Chiefs on current status regarding their VFD's-
 - a. New Truck Update-
 - b. Equipment Reparis-
 - c. Activity Reports- Greg turned in the Activity reports for the month
 - d. Profit/Loss Reports-
 - e. Grant Applications- No Updates
15. Correspondence received: Houston Co. Appraisal Dist., Houston County Tax Assessor- Ken Lair gave reports.
16. Report from treasurer-
 - a. Current financial status including account balances.
 - b. Monthly Budget Report-
 - c. Approve account payables---Per Treasurer- Make Loan Payment for 24,990 online payment. Steve Hawking made the motion to approve and Greg Brooks 2nd the motion. The motion carried.
 - d. Budget Amendments-

17. If Belott audit is complete, go over with the auditor- not complete at this time.
18. Set Next Meeting- November 28, 2023 at 6:00pm.
19. Adjourn the meeting- Motion made by Greg Brooks and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm

I hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting of the Houston County Emergency Service District No. 2 was posted at the Houston County Emergency Service Center, 600 Bradshaw St., Crockett Tx and on the webpage at: houstoncountyesd2.com on or before Date 72 hours before the meeting, June 29, 2023. By 4:00 pm.

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