

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, August 17, 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 6:03 p.m. by Pres. William Money and Commissioners Todd Stone, Ken Lair, and Greg Brooks were present.
2. Recognition and welcome. The following members were present:

Bob VanVoast- Latexo VFD

Paul Blaylock- Latexo VFD

Dennis Taylor-Weldon VFD

Heath Murf-FM/EMC

Nealy Cook- Porter Springs VFD

Billy Cariker-Porter Springs VFD

Ross Van Dine- Pennington VFD

Jason Frizzell- Crockett FD

Justin Kellum- Belott VFD

Bobby Fenell- Austonio VFD

Bobby Albright-Austonio VFD

Mike -Weches

Kieth -Ratcliff

Gene Stokes

Shane Reeder- Lonestar

Troy Driskell-Lovelady VFD

John Cimrhanzl- Lovelady VFD

Martin Boedeker- Lovelady VFD

3. Public Comment- Paul Blaylock spoke about trucks. Shane Reeder Lonestar Rep. talked about tankers, pumpers and how long it would take to get one if ordered. The 2,000 was 259K and the 3,000 was 359K. It would take 26 + months to build one and that they also carry a Brush truck. It was also brought up that their company carries JAWS.

4. Approval of past minutes. Motion by: Greg Brooks 2nd by Ken Lair. Motion passed to accept minutes as amended by Inserting (for \$500 in the building fund).
5. Update on Radio repeaters- Heath Murf gave a report that the Grapeland, Ratcliff, and County were working. There were some glitches and are working on it. Lufkin TPC is a Kenwood dealer and were not giving us any help. It was suggested to call the Bryan office.
6. Update on Crockett truck purchase. Jason Frizzell reported that the bill was kicked back over .05 cents and are having to redo the paper work.
7. Update of Ratcliff truck repairs. Kieth reported that he had more in fixing the Elkhart truck than the truck is worth. Would start looking for another truck but, at this time all other trucks were up and running.
8. Update on finding Weehes a new grass truck. They were still searching for a grass truck and that he has a friend looking to expand the search. Also that they wanted a gasoline truck.
9. Discuss buying Jaws for departments that do not have them. Pres. William Money took a poll of who has jaws and what in relation to jaws they had. Lonestar Shane Reeder has a Dewalt Jaws. It comes with 2 batteries and a charger for 11K.
10. Discuss any emergency funding if needed for any departments due to current fire season. Asked if any VFD's were doing okay on their budgets for the year and did anyone have any needs. Paul Blaylock reported that Latexo VFD may need help with def. Header.
11. Start discussions on options to build Lovelady a new fire station. Jon C. wants to start a discussion about a new building. The city of Lovelady owns the building they currently have and they have no room for expansion.
12. Start planning on this year's budgets. Times had been sent out by Ken Lair for each department to come in and present their budget to the ESD2 board at the budget meeting on September 7.
13. Further discussion on Kennard contract. Would continue the discussion after the budget meeting with all the departments on Sept. 7.
14. Reports from VFD Chiefs on current status regarding their VFD's
 - a. New truck update- none
 - b. Equipment repairs-Paul B fixed a truck that they had down.
 - c. Activity reports- Greg Brooks reported about the activity of the departments.
 - d. Profit/Loss Reports-none
 - e. Grant Application- Heath Murf reported about Emergency Repair grants and that he would forward an email to Ken Lair about the info on them.
15. Correspondence received from Houston Co. Appraisal Dist., Houston County Taz Assessor Ken Lair reported that we received 2 reports. One was about budget and sent tax rates. Ken also ran a preliminary budget.
16. Vote to approve tax rates for upcoming year. Some things that needed to be kept in mind were that ESD2 would need two new grass trucks, JAWS for departments, the Population is around

23,000, and ISO rating could go down which can affect insurance rates. The Board discussed options and would decide at the next meeting.

17. Report from treasurer.

- a. Current financial status including account balances-
- b. Monthly Budget report-
- c. Approve account payables-
- d. Budget Amendments.

Ken Lair reported that a 2yr depository service contract was signed by William Money.

The income statement and balance sheet was presented. There were two checks cut to the attorney and a reimbursement check.

18. Discuss continuing to purchase multiple internet domains for ESD2- The domain expenses had increased and the motion was made by Greg Brooks to pat the increased rate. Motion passed

19. Set the next regular meeting for September 7 at 6pm.

20. Adjourn- Motion made by Todd Stone and 2nd by Greg Brooks Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

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.

Prepared by: Todd Stone