Emergency Meeting Notice

Houston County Emergency Services District NO. 2

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Notice is hereby given with Section 555.o41 of the Texas Government Code that the **Houston County Emergency Services District No. 2** will meet in **an Emergency called meeting on September 24, 2026 at 6:00 PM a**t 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 6:01 p.m. by Pres. William Money and Commissioners Secretary Todd Stone and Treasurer Ken Lair were present, and Vice-President Steve Hawkins were present.
2. Recognition and welcome-
3. Members present were as follows:
    a. Dennis Taylor-Weldon VFD
    b. Bob Vanvost- Latexo VFD
    c. Nealy Cook- Porter Springs VFD
    d. Linda McKean- Belott VFD
    e. Jordan Westfield- Belott VFD
    f. Michael Sessions- Lovelady VFD
    g. Shorty -Porter Springs VFD
    h. Billy Allbright- Austonio VFD
    i. Justin Kellum- Belott VFD
    j. John Cimrhanzl-Lovelady VFD
    k. Wes Avery- Pennington VFD
    l. Jamie Bond- Belott
    m. Bob Shotwell-PVFD
    n. Dennis Taylor-Weldon
    o. Devin Grentry-PVFD
    p. Landon Kent-Belott
    q. Mikayan Allen-Ratcliff VFD
    r. Heath Murf - HCFMO
    s. Mike Burran-Weches VFD
    t. Bradly Adams- Ratcliff VFD
    u. Joe Bob Jennings- Ratcliff VFD
    v. Jason Frizzell- Crockett
    w. Kieth Skinner- Ratcliff VFD
    x. John D. Ccwaller-Austonio VFD
    y.
4. Public comment- None
5. Approval of the Minutes from August meetings-Ken Lair presented the motion to amend the Special called meeting that was held on August 26. Item 4 read Vote to approve this year's adopted tax rate. The corrected minutes would read to approve the Voter Approved Tax Rate of

.074609 for the 2026 tax year. Steve Hawkins seconded it and the motion passed to amend the minutes for the Special called meeting.

    i. The minutes from the regular called meeting held in August were amended. Steve Hawkins made the motion to amend the August meeting item number 6. The new minutes would read that discussion was held concerning the audits of VFD;s and the board suggested ways to improve their audits and record keeping. Also the board will be requiring 3 departments per meeting to provide financials for review by the board each month. The departments will rotate each month and provide Profit and Loss and reconciliation statements.

6. Discuss 2025 financials with departments- Weches,Belott and Ratcliff provided financials and were reviewed by the ESD board. Belott had on correction to be made, Ratlciff and Weches were okay.
7. Updates on financing for trucks where the grants were successful-
8. Discuss any further payment issues for the Porter Springs grant tanker-
9. Grant info on Weldon's Rescue equipment grant and ESD funding.-Dennis reported that they received their rescue equipment and paid a check to the ESD in the amount of $25,000.
10. Update on Latexo grant truck-
11. Response Master- Greg Brooks was absent but he sent a report through Ken Lair. Discussion was held that charges were made per month and looks like it may be increasing in the future.
12. Start discussion on unused vehicles surplus from each station that needs to be sold at auction- ESD board needs to get a list of vehicles not in use from each department so that decisions could be made concerning what to do with these unused vehicles.
13. Items missed/ needing addressed and anything needing to be on the next month's agenda- Discussion was held concerning Weldon VFD's need for a chassis truck.
14. Correspondence received: Houston County Appraisal Dist. Houston County Tax Assessor.
15. Reports from VFD Chiefs on current status regarding their VFD's-
    a. New trucks-
    b. Equipment repairs-Weldon Brush trucks are 23 and 27 years old and are in the shop. Ratcliff had 3 trucks go down and got repaired for $2,198.09.
    c. Activity Reports- none reported on-
    d. Profit Loss Reports- presented by three departments discussed earlier in the agenda.
    e. Grant Applications-
        i. Steve Hawkins made the motion to pay the bills. Motion passed.
16. Report from treasurer-
    a. Current financial status including account balances
    b. Monthly Budget Report
    c. Approve account payables-per treasurer- Ken Lair gave the treasurer report. Steve Hawkins 2nd and the motion carried.
    d. Budget Amendment- none
        i. Ken Lair suggested moving $800 from appraisal district fee to Accounting fees budget due to the higher cost of VFD audits. He also proposed to move $3500 to Bank Charges from legal to cover a loan fee. He made an online payment for workers Comp. He proposed to pay annual insurance for $13,000. And Pay the Auditors $4500.

ii. Steve Hawkins made the motion to approve the proposals. Todd Stone 2nd the motion and the motion Passed.

17. Set Next Regular Meeting- November 4th at 6:00.
18. Adjourn- Motion made by Steve Hawkins and Seconded by Todd Stone. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

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