



BLANCO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2
P.O. BOX 972, BLANCO, TEXAS 78606

**Minutes Regular Meeting
Board of Commissioners
July 20, 2021**

1. **Call to Order / Announcements** – Establish Quorum. **Quorum present. Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.**

Attendees:

Ann Hall, President (AH)	Caroline Richardson, Auxiliary President
Todd Rogers, Vice President (TR)	Theresa Turner, Auxiliary Treasurer
Steve Scheffe, Treasurer (SS)	David Hall
Carl Struck, Assistant Treasurer (CS)	J. Berry
Lynne McKirdy, Secretary (LM)	C. Charles
Ben Oakley, EMS Chief/Administrator	
Matt McMain, Fire Chief	

2. **Public Comment** - No action may be taken on these items unless on agenda. Please limit comments to 2 minutes per person. **No public comment.**
 3. **Consent Agenda** – Items will be approved with a single vote. Items are removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion. **Motion to approve consent agenda by CS, seconded by LM. Motion approved.**
 - a. Approval of the June 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Financial Report as of 6/30/2021
 - i. Monthly Financials:
 1. Texas Regional:
\$1,368,620.272. TRB CD:
\$132,311.73
 3. Lone Star MM: \$246,530.88
4. **Fire & EMS Auxiliary Report**
 - a. 3rd quarter report **Reports distributed electronically prior to the meeting. Additionally, Theresa Turner reported that HEB gift cards are still being used for purchases.**
 - b. Consider approving FY 2022 Auxiliary Budget. **Motion to approve 2022 budget by LM, seconded by CS. Motion approved.**
5. **Chiefs' Report**
 - a. COVID-19 Update. **Chief Oakley reported that there are 11 active cases, testing volume is increasing daily. Vaccinations continue. Currently, the State is no longer sharing data, and the limited available data is incomplete.**
 - b. Operations Reports Fire & EMS
 - i. Lavender Fest / Marigold Fest Meeting – July 29th ? (Ann) **A meeting with Libby Aly, Blanco Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled to agree to a fair and equitable level of reimbursement for EMS event coverage. AH suggested that planning for the April 8, 2024, Full Eclipse over Blanco begin now.**

- c. Review & Approve Surplus Equipment. **Chief McMMain plans to surplus the old TNT Extrication tools. Motion to approve surplus by TR, seconded by CS. Motion approved.**
 - d. Workers Compensation Coverage for FY2022. **Chief Oakley continues to work on the significant 2022 Workers Comp renewal increase. The estimated renewal is built into the proposed budget while other options are explored.**
 - e. Facilities Report. **Progress has been made. A/C maintenance for 7 units was completed, Bay doors are fixed, closet lights repaired. Alarm system fault and training room lights remain outstanding. Expect resolution shortly.**
6. **Finance & Planning Matters**
- a. Savings Strategy / One-Time Use Tax Payment. **A discussion regarding the one-time Sales Tax Use payment of \$218,000+ resulted in a decision to move the funds to Texas Regional Bank until another viable option is decided. SS will explore whether Texas Regional will allow these funds to be deposited into our current CD.**
 - b. Consider Interlocal Agreement with Blanco County for Fire Inspections. **A draft copy of “Blanco County Fire Code” and an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Blanco County and Blanco County ESD #2 were distributed prior to the meeting. Currently, ESD #2 has two Fire Inspectors and is best suited to take on this role. Attorney Hall reviewed the documents which require ‘fine-tuning’ and clarifications. Motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement once Attorney Hall, Chief Oakley and Chief McMMain all approve of the required changes, President Hall is authorized to sign the final agreement was made by LM, seconded by CS. Motion approved.**
 - c. Budget & Tax Rate for FY 2022
 - i. Examine Certified Estimate of the taxable value in ESD2. **Certified Estimate distributed prior to the meeting, new net taxable value in ESD #2 is \$1,174,438,368. No questions**
 - ii. Review proposed FY 2022 Budget and consideration of any changes. **A comprehensive 2022, line by line, budget was distributed prior to the meeting. Chief Oakley distributed the end of year financial forecast reflecting the 2022 Starting Reserve Balance. A summarized budget and Business Plan Diagnostics was also distributed for final approval. One clarification was requested on the debt service lines, 7010 and 7015. Delete LSCB and reflect that this is the “Station Loan”.**
 - iii. Consider approval of the FY 2022 ESD2 Budget (including the Auxiliary Budget). **Motion to approve the 2022 budget with the minor correction was made by LM, seconded by TR. Motion approved.**
 - iv. Consider approval of Interlocal Agreement with BCESD1 for shared expenses for EMS Chief. **Motion to approve renewal of the Interlocal Agreement for the EMS chief made by LM, seconded by CS. Motion approved.**
 - v. Revise Tax Rate Planning Calendar – Public Hearing, if needed, to Thursday, August 12, 2021, 12 noon. **Informational.**
 - vi. Set proposed tax rate. **TR proposed a motion to set the 2022 tax rate at \$0.10 per \$100 of valuation, seconded by LM. Motion approved.**
7. **Executive Session** - Discuss personnel matters, real estate, meet with attorney as authorized by Texas Government Code. **Commission adjourned to Executive Session at 4:49 pm.**
 8. **Return to Open Session:** Discuss and consider action on matters discussed in Executive Session. **Returned from Executive Session at 6:02 pm. No action taken.**
 9. **Adjourn:** Set Date & Time for Next Meeting. **Meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm. Next meeting is Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 3:00 pm.**

