



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

**Minutes Regular Meeting
Board of Commissioners
July 19, 2022**

Attendees:

Ann Hall, President (AH)	David Hall, Attorney
Carl Struck, Vice President (CS)	Caroline Richardson, Auxiliary President
Steve Scheffe, Treasurer (SS)	Martha Herden, Auxiliary Vice President
Matt Herden, Assistant Treasurer (MH)	Theresa Turner, Auxiliary Treasurer
Lynne McKirdy, Secretary (LM)	R. Penshorn, Fire
Ben Oakley, EMS Chief/Administrator	B. Collie, EMS
Matt McMain, Fire Chief	J. Berry, Fire
Wesley Patton, Community Paramedicine	B. Peterson, Fire

1. **Call to Order / Announcements** – Establish a quorum. Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by AH.
2. **Public Comment** - No action may be taken on these items unless on agenda. Please limit comments to 2 minutes per person. **Accolades - MH shared comments Judge Bray made at the Rotary Club regarding the wonderful job Wes Patton was doing as the new CHP. Also, Steve Scheffe was recognized as a valuable asset in the community.**
3. **Consent Agenda** – Items will be approved with a single vote. Items are removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.
 - a. Approval of the June 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes. **One correction to 6 B. Funds are in Texas Regional Bank and will be transfer to a new Money Market account at Texas Regional. Chief Oakley has already corrected the minutes. Motion to accept the corrected minutes by CS, seconded by SS. Motion approved.**
 - b. Financial Report as of 6/30/2022: **Motion to accept the Financial Report by CS, seconded by SS. Motion approved.**
 - i. Monthly Financials:
 1. Texas Regional Checking: \$2,052,036.67
 2. Texas Regional CD: \$132,810.80
 3. Lone Star Money Market: \$225,311.38
4. **Fire & EMS Auxiliary Report**
 - a. 3rd Quarter Report. **Report distributed prior to the meeting via email. Prolonged responses continuing in July. Water tank project larger than expected, awaiting bids. Calendar is in progress; meetings will be quarterly to align with the original formation documents.**
 - b. Review/Approve FY2023 Auxiliary Budget. **One question regarding postage from AH. Motion to approve FY2023 Budget by LM, seconded by CS. Motion approved.**
 - c. Consider requests/actions submitted to ESD. **Landscape project is nearing completion. Drip Irrigation proposal requires an additional \$1,010 to complete the project to protect the investment in landscaping. Motion to approve the Auxiliary funding the balance of the Drip Irrigation project by LM, seconded by MH. Motion approved.**

5. **Chiefs' Report**
 - a. COVID-19 Update. **Calls and immunizations are increasing. The current variant is more contagious. Monitoring the situation closely. Estimating countywide spread is impossible due to at home testing.**
 - b. Operations Reports Fire & EMS. **Reports distributed. Replaced Knox boxes will be placed on the surplus listing in the future.**
 - c. CHP Program Report / Updates. **Steady flow of incoming patient referrals. It appears that as residents leave the program they are replaced by new referrals. Extreme heat conditions have not been an issue so far.**
 - d. Facilities Report. **Preventative Maintenance on bay doors completed. Ice machine became inoperable, new contract started early to remedy the issue. Conference room light issue was due to a faulty part. Electrician's quote was \$1,100, part was \$480. Part will be ordered and installed by staff.**
6. **Finance & Planning Matters**
 - a. Adoption of Resolution# 2022-07-19.1 which authorizes ESD2 to open a Money Market account at Texas Regional Bank. **Motion to approve Resolution #2022-07-19.1 by SS, seconded by CS. Motion approved.**
 - b. Adoption of Resolution# 2022-07-19.2 to certify that ESD2 is in compliance with the security awareness training requirements of Government Code §2054.5191. **Motion to approve Resolution #2022-07-19.2 by LM, seconded by SS. Motion approved.**
 - c. Budget & Tax Rate for FY2023
 - i. Examine Certified Estimate of the taxable value in ESD2. **Certified totals were not available at the time of the meeting.**
 - ii. Review proposed FY2023 Budget and consideration of any changes. **Version 5 of the budget was distributed prior to and at the meeting. Chief Oakley provided a detailed explanation of any changes.**
 - iii. Consider approval of the FY 2023 ESD2 Budget. **Motion to approve Version 5 of the budget with the understanding that the Ad Valorem tax income values will change, via amendment, once the Certified totals become available by LM, seconded by SS. Motion approved.**
 - iv. Public Hearing, if needed, Thursday, August 16, 2022, 2:00 PM prior to regular August 16, 2022 ESD meeting. **Informational item – reminder.**
 - v. Set proposed tax rate. **Motion to approve setting the 2023 Tax rate at \$0.10/\$100 of valuation by SS, seconded by LM. Motion approved.**
7. **Executive Session** - Discuss personnel matters, real estate, meet with attorney as authorized by Texas Government Code. **Adjourn to Executive Session at 4:06 p.m.**
8. **Return to Open Session:** Discuss and consider action on matters discussed in Executive Session. **Returned from Executive Session at 4:38 p.m. No action taken.**
9. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m. Next meeting: will be August 16, 2022, at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne McKirdy, Secretary