



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

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Board of Commissioners
August 16, 2022

Attendees:

Ann Hall, President (AH)	Theresa Turner, Auxiliary Treasurer
Carl Struck, Vice President (CS)	Martha Herden, Auxiliary Vice President
Matt Herden, Assistant Treasurer (MH)	Wesley Patton, Community Paramedicine
Lynne McKirdy, Secretary (LM)	B. Peterson, Fire
Steve Scheffe, Treasurer - Absent	Joe Benavidez, Citizen
Ben Oakley, EMS Chief/Administrator	Keith Mire, Citizen
Matt McMMain, Fire Chief	John Brisbin, Citizen

1. Establish a quorum. **Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by AH.**
2. Public Hearing for citizen input on the proposed tax increase.
 - **Introductions of citizens, staff and Commissioners.**
 - **“The Proposal”, a one-page explanation of the 2022 tax increases and the July 2022 – EMS Operations report were distributed to attendees. Additionally, copies of information found on the ESD’s website were distributed.**
 - **Questions from Mr. Mire and Mr. Brisbin on the ESD tax increases.**
 - **AH provided the history of the ESD with an explanation of how the ESD is funded.**
 - **AH also described the various components of the tax structure (M&O and Debt Rates).**
 - **Chief Oakley provided an explanation of operations, and how the tax rate is calculated.**
 - **President Hall explained that the total tax rate of \$0.10 per every \$100 of valuation is the same in 2022 as it has been since 2018. Increases in the Ad Valorem taxes are due to the appraisal increases.**
 - **Additional discussion continued regarding the services provided, staffing, benefits and inflation’s impact on the budget and expenses.**
3. Announce: **AH announced the proposed tax rate will be voted on today at the August 16, 2022, regular meeting at 3:00 PM in this same meeting room. The citizens were invited to stay and attend the regular meeting.**
4. Close Public Hearing. **Public Meeting was adjourned at 2:56 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne McKirdy,
Secretary