



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

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**Minutes Regular Meeting  
Board of Commissioners  
August 16, 2022**

**Attendees:**

<b>Ann Hall, President (AH)</b>	<b>David Hall, Attorney</b>
<b>Carl Struck, Vice President (CS)</b>	<b>Wesley Patton, Community Paramedicine</b>
<b>Matt Herden, Assistant Treasurer (MH)</b>	<b>Martha Herden, Auxiliary Vice President</b>
<b>Lynne McKirdy, Secretary (LM)</b>	<b>Theresa Turner, Auxiliary Treasurer</b>
<b>Steve Scheffe, Treasurer - Absent</b>	<b>Chris Leach, Deputy Fire Chief</b>
<b>Ben Oakley, EMS Chief/Administrator</b>	<b>Sean Wolfe, Fire</b>
<b>Matt McMains, Fire Chief</b>	<b>Steve Beach, Citizen</b>

1. **Call to Order / Announcements** – Establish a quorum. Meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by AH.
2. **Public Comment – No Comments.**
3. **Consent Agenda** – Items will be approved with a single vote. Items are removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion. **Motion to approve the consent agenda by CS, seconded by MH. Motion approved.**
  - a. Approval of the July 19, 2022, Meeting Minutes
  - b. Financial Report as of 7/31/2022:
    - i. Monthly Financials:
      1. Texas Regional Checking: \$1,996,731.97
      2. Texas Regional CD: \$132,810.80
      3. Lone Star Money Market: \$235,859.50
4. **Fire & EMS Auxiliary Report**
  - a. Consider requests/actions submitted to ESD. **Reports distributed prior to the meeting via email. Theresa acknowledged the community's generosity and the assistance from Gem of the Hills in collecting water, Gatorade and snacks.**
5. **Chiefs' Report**
  - a. Operations Reports Fire & EMS. **Reports distributed prior to the meeting via email. CHP Report distributed at the meeting. Chief Oakley noted that three large fires were reported to TDEM, including the Blanco Smoke Rider fire, within a few minutes of each other stressing all available resources.**
  - b. Facilities Report. **Generator testing went well.**
6. **Finance & Planning Matters**
  - a. Select Auditor for FY2022 Audit and sign Letter of Engagement. **After a brief discussion a motion to approve Tabor and Burnett, CPA as the auditor for FY2022 was made by LM, seconded by CS. Motion approved.**

- b. Budget & Tax Rate for FY 2023. A brief discussion on the \$50,000 Ad Valorem downward adjustment and the reasons for the adjustment tied appeals and the Permian Pipeline tax changes. It was noted that the original "B" plan scheduled a FY23 \$120,057 draw down. With the \$50,000 downward adjustment the FY23 draw down will be \$112,222. This is still \$8,285.00 better than originally planned.
  - i. Amend FY2023 Budget. After a brief discussion it was decided to leave the budget as approved at the July 19, 2022, meeting.
  - ii. Approve Amended 2022-2023 Budget. Budget was not amended.
  - iii. Approve Order 08-16-2022 to adopt the 2022 tax rate: Motion by LM,

**I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.10/\$100, which is effectively a 22.64 percent (% by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the NNR tax rate) increase in the tax rate. This tax rate will provide a:**

**Maintenance & Operations (M&O) tax rate of \$0.088295/\$100 valuation  
and an Interest and Sinking (Debt Service) rate of \$0.011705/\$100 valuation**

**Recorded Vote: (60% must vote affirmative)**

**For: Ann Hall, Carl Struck, Matt Herden, Lynne McKirdy**

**Against: None**

**Abstaining: None**

**Absent: Steve Scheffe**

7. **Executive Session** - Discuss personnel matters, real estate, meet with attorney as authorized by Texas Government Code. **Convened in Executive Session at 3:27 p.m. Adjourned from Executive Session at 4:03 p.m.**
8. **Return to Open Session: Returned from Executive Session at 4:03 pm. No action taken.**
9. **Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m. Next meeting: will be September 20, 2022, at 3:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne McKirdy,  
Secretary