

**Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the May 22, 2024 meeting.

Commissioners Present: Brian Schauer, Jason Whiddon, John Lamprecht, and Jason Torres.

- The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by President B. Schauer.
- Quorum was established.
- Under public comment:
  - No public comments.
- Motion was made by Jason Whiddon seconded by John Lamprecht to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2024 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- The treasure report was given by Treasurer, John Lamprecht.
  - A motion was made by Jason Whiddon seconded by John Everett to approve the financial report as given. The motion passed unanimously.
- John Lamprecht discussed outstanding invoices that needed to be paid. They are: \$7000 for Brenner, Armstrong and Vaugh (Audit), and Burns, Anderson Jury Brenner for \$200 (legal).
  - A motion was made by John Lamprecht and seconded by Jason Whiddon to pay Burns, Anderson Jury and Brenner, and Armstrong and Vaugh. The motion passed unanimously.
- Brenner, Armstrong and Vaugh, presented the ESD No. 2 audit. They showed the ESD to have received a positive audit. A PowerPoint handout and the complete audit were provided to each ESD Commissioner.
- Under item number 7, a motion was made by Jason Whitton and seconded by John Lamprecht to adopt the daily operation for banking, purchasing, and paying bills. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioners signed the policy at the meeting.
- Item 9, adopting an Investment Policy. A motion was made to table this item to next month's meeting.
- Item 10, John Lamprecht spoke with the commissioners about moving funds into an interest-bearing account to gain interest.
  - A motion was made by John Lamprecht and seconded by Jason Whitton to move anything over \$1 million to the savings account. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Jason Torres and seconded by John Lamprecht to: Appoint Crystal Cedillo, Tax Assessor-Collector, as the individual to calculate and prepare the 2024 No-New Revenue and Voter-Approval Tax Rates for ESD#2. The motion passed unanimously.
- Item 12, Waelder VFD update, Donny Grauke Jr., is the new Chief for Waelder. We were informed their first out brush truck needs new tires. They are waiting to finish the backgrounds on new applicants (approx.. 6-8), this is being done by Dawn. Several of the new applicants already have their CDL. They will be put through an engine ops class. Waelder and Ottine VFD will be hosting a joint fire academy. They will also be doing a NIMS class. This training will start in the next month, pending when they receive their bunker gear. They will be using the 2406 grant to pay for the course.
- Item 13, Smiley VFD update, Chief Mendez, no issues to report. Chief Mendez spoke to the ESD about the most recent Smiley City Council Meeting. The City of Smiley made a motion to give the

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- Item 13, Smiley VFD update, Chief Mendez, no issues to report. Chief Mendez spoke to the ESD about the most recent Smiley City Council Meeting. The City of Smiley made a motion to give the trucks, land, and fire station to the ESD. Jason Witton and Brian Schauer recommended at the ESD to contact legal regarding this matter.
- Report from the Gonzales County Fire Marshal, Jimmy Harless. Jimmy spoke about the fire code in the new sub-division development and also recommended getting legal input on this matter. He states the developers have been receptive to adhering to the code. He has also been to the Nixon Tractor Supply and tested the alarms. Also, help in Smiley schools with their inspections. He will be assisting the Nixon Fire Marshal in the Nixon schools. Jimmy will be giving the board an update next month. Jimmy also stated we are entering the "La Nina" a dry season. This will make for a very high grass fire season. He also reported a spot fire on the side of the road. Jimmy also inspected a firework stand and is hoping to regulate these in the county. Ottine is opening a new facility at the old Warm Springs. Jason Whitton also stated the 2024 NFPA Books are on order and all commissioners work on reading it. We would be exempting all residential and agi with the new fire code.
- A motion was made by Jason Whitton and seconded by John Lamprecht to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Attested:



*Brian Schauer, President*

Approved this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024



*Jason Torres, Secretary*

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