

# GONZALES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

P.O. Box 1821, Gonzales, TX 78629

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## Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the February 28, 2024 meeting.

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

- Meeting was called to order by President Schauer at 6:00 PM.
- Quorum was established.
- Under public comment:
  - Eddie Callender, spoke with Amy from HGL our sales tax collection company, regarding a particular company where sales taxes were being collected from. There was a question prior if they were and it was cleared up by the State Comptroller's Office that we are the appropriate entity to collect the sales tax. Eddie also spoke about the upcoming, Cattle County Fest. A letter was going to be sent out to each vendor about their obligation to collect sales tax during the event.
  - Jimmy Harless, County Fire Marshal, spoke about a site meeting he had with other county/city department heads regarding the Cattle County Fest. Jimmy also spoke about two structure fires that happened in Waelder. He was called to assist on one by Waelder PD Chief. This fire is still under investigation.
- Jason Torres read the meeting minutes for the January 24, 2024 meeting.
  - A motion was made by Jason Whiddon and seconded by John Everett, to approve the January 24, 2024, meeting minutes as read. The motion passed unanimously.
- The financial report was presented for January 2024.
  - A motion was made by Jason Whiddon and seconded by John Everett, to approve the January 2024 financial report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
  - A motion was made to Jason Whiddon and seconded by John Everett, to deposit a check of \$200,000, received from the City of Waelder (Waelder VFD), into the ESD No. 2 savings account.
- Outstanding invoices were presented. 1) \$225.00 from Floyd and Kintz on Tax Services, 2) \$375 on Attorney Fees from Burns Anderson Jury & Brenner, L.L. P.
  - A motion was made by John Everett and seconded by John Lamprecht, to pay the outstanding invoices. The motion passed unanimously
- Jason Whiddon made a motion to remove Morgan Barry Boothe, and Gilbert Phillipus and to add Jason Whiddon, Jason Torres, John Lamprecht, John Everett, and Brian Schauer to all Gonzales County ESD #2 Checking and Saving Accounts. The motion was seconded by John Everett. The motion passed unanimously.
- Jason Whiddon informed the commissioners of the upcoming yearly financial audit for 2023.
  - Jason Whiddon made a motion to authorize Brian Schauer (President) and Jason Torres (Secretary) to have the auditor, audit the financials for 2023. The motion passed unanimously.
- Jimmy Harless, County Fire Marshal, discusses with the commissioners the possibility of the ESD adopting a fire code. The fire code he would propose would be strictly for commercial

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development. Jimmy also informed the commissioners of upcoming residential and various commercial developments in the county.

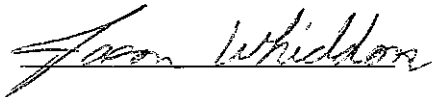
- A motion was made by Jason Whiddon and seconded by John Everett to contact the ESD Attorney to discuss an ESD fire code. The motion passes unanimously.
- A motion was made to enter into executive session by Jason Whiddon and seconded by John Lamprecht. The motion passed unanimously, at 6:31 PM, the meeting went into executive session, and at 7:12 PM returned to regular session.
- There was a discussion with Bobby White from Waelder VFD. He gave an update on their new engine and also informed the commissioner that it was in the process of getting the title. Bobby also mentioned that he had a list of tools/equipment that it was needing. Jason Whiddon requested the list for review.
  - A motion was by Jason Whiddon and seconded by John Lamprecht, to disperse the amount of \$25,000 to the Waelder VFD for equipment and expenses. The motion passed unanimously.
- Chief Mark Mendez gave an update on the Smiley VFD. Mark also informed the commissioners that it was coming up to a year since he began to help Smiley VFD. He also informed the commissioner of the possibility of combining both Nixon and Smiley VFD. This is also the wish of the members of the Smiley VFD. Mark informed the commissioners that he informed the Smiley City Council and the idea of combining was not accepted. Jason Whiddon was going to contact the City of Smiley to be on the put on the City Council Agenda.
- With no further business, Jason Whiddon made the motion seconded by John Lamprecht to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Attested:



Brian Schauer, President

Approved this the 27 day of March, 2024



Jason Torres, Secretary

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