

# **Gonzales County Emergency Service District #2**

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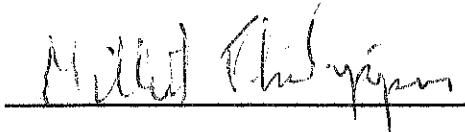
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## **Minutes of the August 23, 2023 meeting.**

**Commissioners Present: Gilbert Philippus, Brian Schauer, Jason Whiddon and Jason Torres.**

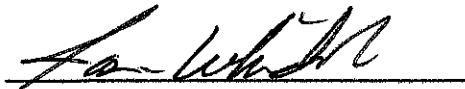
- President Philippus called the public hearing to order on increasing the tax rate to (VAR) 0.0191. The Public hearing was open from 6PM to 6:05PM with no public commits.
- Motion was made by Brian Schauer seconded by Jason Whiddon to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.
- Meeting was called to order by President Philippus.
- Quorum was established.
- No public commits.
- Brian Schauer made the motion seconded by Jason Torres to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2023 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Jason Whiddon seconded by Brian Schauer to approve the Financial report. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Brian Schauer seconded by Jason Whiddon to adopt the tax rate of 0.0191 (VAR) for Gonzales County Emergency Services District #2. Motion passed unanimously by all Commissioners present voting for the adoption of 0.0191 VAR. Commissioner Barry Boothe was absent.
- The resolution on setting 2023 Tax Rate was signed by President Philippus and Jason Whiddon and read aloud for all in the meeting.
- After some discussion on the quarterly financial and training reports from the Fire Departments, Brian Schauer made the motion seconded Jason Whiddon that the fire departments would have to send their reports to the ESD and reports would have to be approved for that department to be eligible for funding. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Brian Schauer seconded by Jason Torres to fund the Fire departments from the same figures from earlier in the year of Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars with the same percentages going to each department except Smiley Fire Department. Nixon Fire department would receive 50% of Smileys funding (56,610.00) for managing the Smiley Fire department and running all calls in Smileys area. Waelder Fire Department isn't eligible for funding at this time as the ESD is still awaiting Waelders Financial and Training reports. Motion passed unanimously. Belmont FD, 94,140.00, Gonzales FD, 383,760.00, Nixon FD, 150,030.00 & 50% of Smileys funding 56,610.00, Ottine FD, 46,440.00, Smiley FD, 56,610.00.

- The County Fire Marshal discussed the burn band and permits advising he hasn't issued any to this point. Fire Marshal also advised the county would be paging the two closest FD's to all calls in the county.
- Gilbert Philippus made the motion seconded by Jason Whiddon to pay any outstanding invoices for the ESD. Motion passed unanimously.
- With no further business, Brian Schauer made the motion seconded by Jason Whiddon to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- Invoices paid, Mark Mendez ADMIN and training services to Smiley FD (300.00) and Michael Martinez ADMIN and training services to Smiley FD for (450.00)
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Gilbert Philippus, President

Approved this the 6 day of September, 2023



Jason Whiddon, Secretary