


Gonzales County Emergency Service District #2

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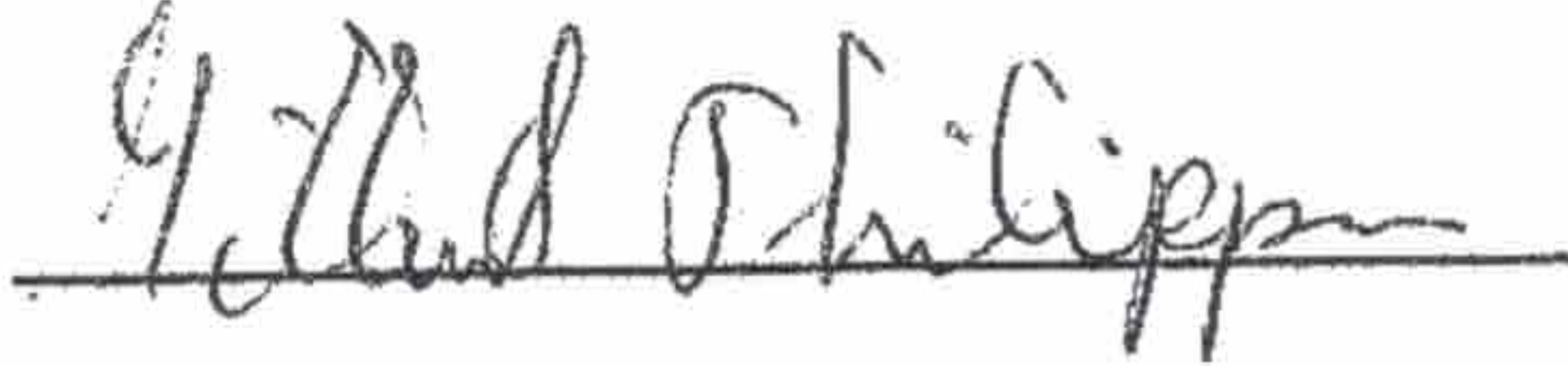
Minutes of the April 26, 2023 meeting.

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

- Meeting was called to order by President Philippus.
- Quorum was established.
- Public comments. Jimmy Harless introduced his self to everyone and advised he was the new county fire marshal for Gonzales County. Jimmy advised he was currently looking at training to get his fire investigators certification. Jimmy also discussed that he would be working with the Oil Companies in the county on donations and grants and advised the fire chiefs at the meeting to reach out on anything they needed help with and he would help in anyway he could.
-  Brian Schauer made the motion seconded by Barry Boothe to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2023 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Jason Whiddon seconded by Gilbert Philippus to approve the financial report. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion from Nixon and Smiley on fire services/fire protection in the response areas. Chief Mendez discussed the SWD fire from a few weeks back in Smileys response area and advised Nixon went as mutual aid and ended up taking over the fire scene with little help from Smiley. Chief Mendez advised Smiley lacks the training they need to safety fight fire and operate the fire apparatus they currently have. Chief Mendez advised he has about 12K in expenses from that call and is trying to bill the company but needs to get reimbursed for the expenses. The new Smiley fire chief and the Smiley mayor both agreed they are way behind on training and are looking for help to get caught up on training for their firefighters. Lester Warzecha discussed problems the Smiley FD has had in the past and advised the department needed strong leadership and proper training for its personal. Lester also advised that the community didn't want to lose the local FD and was worried about Nixon taking all of the areas money if the departments combined. Chief Mendez and others advised the two Cities needed to work out some sort of agreement to combine the departments under one chief and start training together to make sure we have all personal trained. The Mayor of Smiley, Chief Zella and Commissioner Schauer's had several discussions on the time frames of all the required training that was needed. The Commissioners discussed having an emergency meeting

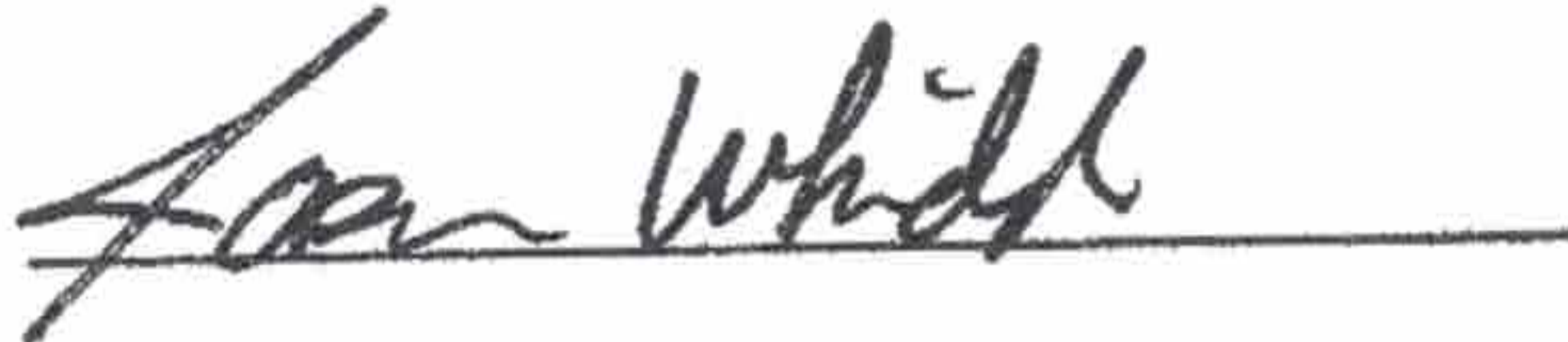
next week to further discuss and vote on a resolution for this response area.
Commissioner Whiddon would discuss with the Sheriffs office and make sure Nixon and
or Gonzales is paged to all calls in Smileys response area until further notice.

- Jason Whiddon made the motion seconded by Gilbert Philippus 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.



Gilbert Philippus, President

Approved this the 3 day of May, 2023



Jason Whiddon, Secretary