

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2024

1. Hank Dembosky called the meeting to order at 6pm.
2. Skip Smith led the Board in prayer.
3. Skip Smith led the Board in the pledges of allegiance.
4. Guests (4) in attendance are noted on the attached sign-in sheet.
5. Commissioners in attendance: President Hank Dembosky; Vice-President Skip Smith; Treasurer Colleen Majoue; Secretary Judy Bryant. Assistant Treasurer Claren Kotrla was absent.
6. Carolyn Hiebert, Project Manager of the Pecan Prairie Solar Project was unable to attend the meeting. She did, however, provide a project update via the attached email dated June 18, 2024.
7. (a) Majoue presented Checks 1501-1505 (see attached) for approval and signature. Bryant motioned to approve the checks, with a second by Smith. Motion carried.
(b) Majoue reported on May 2024 financials (report attached). Smith motioned to approve the financial reports, with a second by Bryant. Motion carried.
(c) Sales tax revenue for June 2024 was \$4,382.14.
8. The HTL VFD/EMS Financial and Activity Reports (attached) were presented by Jim Hawthorne and Sherri Guerra. The monthly performance measures reported are noted in the activity report. Majoue motioned to approve the reports, with a second by Smith. Motion carried.
 - EMS Calls: 49
 - Average Response Time: 7 mins
 - Average Out-of-Chute Time: 2 mins
 - Fire Training Hours: 16
 - Volunteer Response Hours: 24

(a) New ambulance is scheduled for delivery at noon on June 19, 2024.
(b) Sam Frusti, new EMS Director, started work May 24, 2024.
9. (a) No update on records retention.
(b) Gransolar Bess Texas Three LLC Battery Storage Project will be bounded by County Roads 4350 and 4360. Activity expected to begin in 2025. The 43-acre tract will provide additional tax revenue in the future. Cross Tx Transmission substation project underway on 12-Acre tract near Venetia with completion planned for June, 2025.
(c) FEMA is assessing flood damage at Hilltop Lakes, and CERT will be escorting FEMA around Leon County next weekend.

- (d) Smith attended. There was discussion about installing emergency generators in shelters for displaced people.
10. (a) No action taken on adoption of calendar. This will be discussed at the July 16 meeting, and a special meeting may be needed on August 1, 2024.
(b) Discussed ESD No. 2 FY 2024-2025 DRAFT Operating Budget. Commissioners may be able to attend SAFE-D Conference next year. Smith motioned to accept the draft operating budget, with a second by Majoue. Motion carried.
(c) After review and discussion of the Leon Central Appraisal District 2025 Combined Allocation Budget, Smith motioned to approve the \$9,876.05 total amount and \$2,469.01 quarterly amount. Majoue seconded, and the motion carried.
 11. The new ambulance will be owned by ESD No. 2, but the license, title, and insurance will be through HTL/EMS. An Amendment to The Amended and Restated Agreement for Providing Emergency Services – signed 9/15/2020 was amended to add Article X “Ambulance Purchase”. Hilltop Lakes Volunteer Fire Department and ESD No. 2 signed the amendment on June 18, 2024. HTL VFD will execute the loan agreement, and ESD No. 2 will approve the monthly loan agreement payment of \$3,823 at its monthly meeting prior to the monthly payment due date. In accordance with this agreement, the first payment due on July 14, 2024, was approved and Check 1505 was provided to HTLVFD at this meeting.
 12. Smith made a motion, with a second by Dembosky, to approve the May 21, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion carried.
 13. Smith provided a copy of his 2024 Safe-D Training Certificate. Commissioners reported receiving the SAFE-D magazine.
 14. Dembosky discussed advocating for ESD No. 2 by inviting State Representatives to the annual Freedom Fest at Hilltop Lakes.
 15. There were no public comments.
 16. Next meeting is July 16, 2024, at 6pm.
 17. At 7:58pm, Smith motioned to adjourn, with a second by Majoue. Motion carried.