

Regular Meeting Minutes

Houston County Emergency Services District NO. 2

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Notice is hereby given with Section 555.041 of the Texas Government Code that the **Houston County Emergency Services District No. 2** will meet in a **Regular Monthly Meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Houston County Emergency Service Center located at 600 Bradshaw St., Crockett, Texas 75835.

1. Call to order and establish a quorum. Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Pres. William Money and Commissioners Todd Stone, Ken Lair, and Steve Hawkins were present. Greg Brooks were absent.
2. Recognition and welcome. The following members were present: none
3. Approval of minutes- Ken Lair made the motion to approve and it passed.
4. Jason Frizzell-Crockett

Dennis Taylor-Weldon VFD

Bob VanVoast- Latexo VFD

Heath Murff-HCFMO

Linda McKean-Belott

Nealy Cook-Porter Springs

James Gest-Kennard VFD

Kieth Skinner=RatcliffVFD

Ross Vandine- Pennington VFD

Mike Burran-Austonio VFD

Bobby Fennell- Austonio

John Cimrhanzl-Lovelady VFD

Jamie Carroll- Belott VFD

5. Public Comment- none
6. Discuss with departments issues with response master- no comments were offered.
7. Updates on Weches truck- Mike got the bed and pump on it an will add the skid in the next few weeks.
8. Discuss Kennard updates- no comments were offered

9. Updates on Pennington truck repair- Ross Vandine reported that they were still working on it.
10. Update of the Ratcliff truck- Keith Skinner reported the bed was painted, Skid unit decals and other minor things would be completed in the next couple of weeks.
11. Update on getting the ESD a loan for purchase of Ratcliff a new truck and Weldons UTV-it was decided to wait until final amount for the build and make a separate loan for both.
12. Discuss Crockett truck- Jason Frizzell reported that the truck was ready in Sulfur Springs and waiting for pick up.
13. Discuss moving Crockett engine to Belott station upon completion of Crockett's new truck- The pumper would be moved over to Belott, The equipment will remain with City of Crockett. Belott will have to rig it out.
14. Discuss hiring a grant writer- The board discussed the possibility of hiring a grant writer and is researching the issue.
15. Discuss items/info learned at the SAFE-d conference in February 2025- Walk away was concerning the budgets and the Board would like to begin the budget process earlier.
16. Discuss Chiefs doing their budgets earlier this year- It was decided that they would be due to the ESD-2 by June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
17. Items missed for the agenda- foam trailer issues at the armory.
18. Report from treasurer-
  - a. Current financial status including account balances.
  - b. Monthly Budget Report-
  - c. Approve account payables- Per Treasurer.
  - d. Budget Amendments- Steve Hawkins moved to accept the financial report and the motion passed.
  - e. Steve Hawkins made the motion to pursue a loan for the Crockett Pumper Truck for \$345,038. The purchase of the truck had been approved at a previous meeting. Ken Lair was given the permission to secure info. To get the loan and either He or William Money could sign the note for the loan on behalf of the ESD-2.
19. Correspondence received: Houston Co. Appraisal District, Houston County Tax Assessor.
20. Reports from VFD Chiefs on current status regarding their VFD's-
  - a. New Truck Update-discussed in above agenda items.
  - b. Equipment repairs-discussed in above agenda items. Steve Hawkins moved that we approve the repairs needed by Belott. Motion passed.
  - c. Activity Reports- none reported on.

d. Profit/Loss Reports-

e. Grant Applications-

21. Set the next meeting – March 27 will be a tentative date at 6:00 pm.

22. Adjourn the meeting- Motion made by Steve Hawkins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Stone. the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

I hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting of the Houston County Emergency Service District No. 2 was posted at the Houston County Emergency Service Center, 600 Bradshaw St., Crockett Tx and on the webpage at: [houstoncountyesd2.com](http://houstoncountyesd2.com) on or before Date 72 hours before the meeting, June 29, 2023. By 4:00 pm.

Prepared by: Todd Stone