

WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – September 23, 2021

The Williamson County Emergency Services District #2 held a regular meeting on September 23, 2021 at Sam Bass Fire Department Station #2, 16248 Great Oaks Drive, Round Rock, Texas and on-line at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/645-098-693#> and by phone at 1-571-317-3129 or 1-877-309-2073.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Commissioners present in person: Thom Nanninga, Tim Hunsberger, Darryl Pool, and Jordan Baltazor.

Others in Attendance:

Sam Bass Fire Dept.: Chief David Kieschnick and Assistant Chief Keith Farris (both in person) and Lt. Corby Bryan (on-line).

Municipal Accounts & Consulting: Taylor Kolmodin (in person).

Public: none present in person or on-line.

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by Commissioner Nanninga. A quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Nanninga.

Public Comment: No member of the public requested to speak.

Action items

ITEM 4: *Approve minutes of prior meeting(s).*

Motion to approve minutes of special meeting held August 12, 2021 and regular meeting held August 26, 2021 as presented.

Motion: Nanninga Second: Hunsberger [Unanimous]

ITEM 5: *Review bookkeeper's report from Municipal Accounts & Consulting and consent to: a) approval of payment of monthly bills and invoices, b) approval of monthly financial report.*

Kolmodin presented the District's monthly financial statements, monthly bills, and invoices for August 2021. Kolmodin said MAC is still looking to find qualified institutions willing to accept District funds who would pay a higher interest rate than that available from TexPool. Commissioner Baltazor recommended consideration of investing approximately \$248,000 in future certificates of deposit rather than the \$240,000 amount that has been standard practice for the District. Commissioners and Kolmodin were favorable to that proposal with the understanding the amount invested plus interest earned always remain below \$250,000.

Commissioner Nanninga questioned whether the District could earn a higher interest rate by transferring a portion of funds now in TexPool into Texas CLASS instead. Kolmodin will send commissioners information on Texas CLASS.

Commissioner Baltazor requested MAC review the District's loan contract for the fire truck purchase and determine if there is any pre-payment penalty.

Motion to approve reports as presented.

Motion: Baltazor Second: Nanninga [Unanimous]

ITEM 6: *Review bookkeeper's report from M.A.&C. pursuant to Sam Bass Fire Dept.*

Kolmodin presented SBFD's monthly financial statements, monthly bills, and invoices for August 2021.

ITEM 7: *Discuss and take action relative to establishing a sales and use tax and tax rate.*

Commissioners continued discussion from the District's last regular meeting of the idea of holding an election to request voter approval of a sales and use tax in the amount of 2% with proceeds going to the District. Chief Kieschnick said the current price of a fire engine is around \$836,000, a ladder truck is about \$1.6 million, and the manufacturer is estimating 3% annual price increases. SBFD will implement its STEP and COLA staff retention plans beginning October 1, 2021.

In response to a question raised at the last meeting, Chief Kieschnick stated the 2010 census data showed 26,884 residents in the District. The 2020 census is not complete, but the current estimated population is 30,840. The estimate projection for 2021 is 32,424.

Commissioner Baltazor clarified that at the last meeting he had not intended to request any sales tax revenue be earmarked for specific future needs, but rather that a long-term strategic plan be established which would list upcoming major expenditures. Such data could be used to show the public specific needs that would be met if such a tax is implemented.

ITEM 8: *Receive monthly report from Sam Bass Fire Department regarding operations, including but not limited to: A) Total number of calls, B) Training, C) Fire Marshall Activities, D) Breakdown of activities and E) Information of any major incidents.*

Lt. Bryan presented SBFD incident report data and activities for August 2021 plus comparison to prior years. As requested at the District's August meeting, Lt. Bryan included colored horizontal bands on the heat map to show an approximation of SBFD's three districts. He will work on defining those boundaries more clearly in future reports.

ITEM 9: *Discuss and take any action relative to Sam Bass F. D. operations, as may be needed following the above report.*

No action needed.

ITEM 10: *Discuss potential agenda items, time and date(s) for future business meetings. (09/23/2021)*

Next regular meeting to be held October 21, 2021 beginning at 7:00pm at Sam Bass Fire Station #2.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made at 8:14pm. Motion: Baltazor Second: Nanninga [Unanimous]

“I attest that all the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.”

Submitted by Darryl Pool, Secretary, Williamson County ESD #2