

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – June 20, 2019**

The Williamson County Emergency Services District #2 held a regular meeting on June 20, 2019 at Sam Bass Fire Department Station 2, 16248 Great Oaks Drive, Round Rock, Texas.

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

ESD Commissioners present: Thom Nanninga, Jordan Baltazor, Darryl Pool, Russell Strahan.

**Others in Attendance:**

Sam Bass Fire Dept.: Chief David Kieschnick and Assistant Chief Keith Farris

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Commissioner Nanninga.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Pool.

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

**Action items**

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.*

Commissioner Nanninga presented the District's monthly financial statements, monthly bills, and invoices as prepared by Municipal Accounts & Consulting. Report approved as presented.

Motion: Nanninga      Second: Baltazor      [Unanimous]

ITEM 4: *Approve May meeting minutes.*

The May 16, 2018 minutes were approved as presented.

Motion: Strahan      Second: Nanninga      [Unanimous]

ITEM 6: *Discuss and take any action needed relative to Station 3.*

Chief Kieschnick reported that almost all items on the punch list have been completed. No complaints have been received from property owners bordering Station 3 since it opened. Discussion was held concerning whether a fence is still needed along the rear property line. It was decided to proceed with the fence installation as previously approved by the board once the bamboo has been along the site has been eliminated.

Chief Kieschnick is planning a Station 3 public open house on July 20, 2019 from 10am to 2pm.

**ITEM 7:** *Discuss and take any action needed relative to changes required by SB 2.*

Commissioner Nanninga summarized aspects of SB 2, approved by the 86<sup>th</sup> session of the Texas Legislature and signed into law by the Governor, that are relevant to emergency services districts. SB 2, which takes effect January 1, 2020, will reduce the property tax rate ESDs may enact without holding an election and will require significant changes to the procedures ESDs use in setting their annual property tax rate. Commissioner Nanninga encouraged all commissioners to educate themselves on the changes that will be required under SB 2 and to attend the next SAFE-D annual conference as SB 2 is likely to be a major topic of discussion.

**ITEM 8:** *Discuss and take any action needed relative to engaging a law firm relative to Sales Tax Election.*

Commissioner Nanninga moved to contract with attorney Mark Dietz to advise on legal matters pertaining to the District holding an election to seek voter approval for enacting a 2% sales tax rate if Dietz is willing and believes he has sufficient expertise in this area of the law. Motion seconded by Commissioner Strahan. After considerable discussion, Nanninga withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Nanninga will contact Dietz to gauge his interest in this matter. Nanninga will also see when Commissioner Hunsberger is available in anticipation of holding a special meeting in early July when all Commissioners can be present.

**ITEM 9:** *Receive monthly report from Sam Bass Fire Department regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities and membership.*

Chief Kieschnick presented reports for April and May, 2019. Response times for all three stations have averaged under six minutes once Station 3 became operational.

**ITEM 10:** *Discuss potential agenda items, time and date for July business meeting (7/18/19).*

Next regular meeting to be held on July 18, 2019 beginning at 7:00pm at Sam Bass Fire Station #2.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made at 8:33pm.

Motion: Strahan      Second: Baltazor      [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