

WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2
411 FM 1375 E New Waverly, TX 77358

Minutes February 7th, 2025

The WCESD2 Board met in open session in the meeting room of NWVFD, at Station 71 with President James Gregory presiding. Present were Commissioners: Thomas Malak and Jane Ellisor. All members were present with the exception of Commissioner Logan Moore and Commissioner Keith Fitzpatrick, therefore constituting a quorum. Also, present was Fire Chief Jacob Slott, Assistant Fire Chief Shawn Byler, Deputy Chief Kevin Traylor, Office Manager Kayla Gibson and guest from Centerforce IT Pros Greg Kent & David Aguirre.

Opening prayer was given by Deputy Chief Kevin Traylor.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM. Commissioner Gregory announced that a quorum was present, and that public notice was given in accordance with the Texas Government Code.

GENERAL ITEMS

On a motion by Commissioner Malak, seconded by Commissioner Gregory the minutes for the January 10th, 2025 meeting was approved.

SPECIAL ITEMS

None to report

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Ellisor presented the WCESD2 Treasures report. Motion was made by Commissioner Malak and second by Commissioner Ellisor, the board voted unanimously to accept the account balance as presented.

Commissioner Ellisor presented the WCESD2 expense report. Motion was made by Commissioner Malak and second by Commissioner Gregory, the board voted unanimously to accept the expense report as presented.

NWVFD CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Slott presented the NWVFD Expense report and account Balance. Motion was made by Commissioner Malak and second by Commissioner Ellisor, the board voted unanimously to accept the Chiefs report as presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Malak and seconded by Commissioner Ellisor; the board voted unanimously to accept the Chiefs expense report as presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Malak; the board voted unanimously to accept the Chiefs Deployment report as

WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2
411 FM 1375 E New Waverly, TX 77358

presented. The Chief reported there was 137 calls for the month. The Chief informed the board that we currently have 4 employees out on deployment. The all Track will out on a prescribed burn in Bastrop (Red River) in March. The ongoing proposal for Station 79, from Sam Houston Electric (SHECO) that was presented back in June 2024 has been completed.

MATTERS OF THE PUBLIC

Public was present but had no matters to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Fire Chief Slott informs the board about the different options and bids for the additional housing for the extra vehicles. A motion was made by Commissioner Malak and second by Commissioner Gregory; the board voted unanimously to all Assistant Chief Byler the ability to purchase a carport with a pad and millings not to exceed \$40,000.00.
- B. Fire Chief Slott informed the board that GLS set up a complete bid and the end date was supposed to be 2/18 but he would like to push the date back to March 3rd to give more time for contractors to bid.
- C. Station 73 was approved for the county to provide some funds for a generator. They are waiting for bids and the county will do all the work.
- D. Commissioner Ellisor informs the board that TEXPOOL paperwork has been submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Office Manager Kayla Gibson and Centerforce IT Pro Greg Kent informed the board that Optimum has presented a quote for dedicated FIBER internet service for Station 71 and Station 75, however, to get this started with Optimum we would have to pay for construction and the monthly fee will increase. The other option is switching to Starlink as our main internet source. Greg Kent went over the pros and cons of both options. A motion was made by Commissioner Malak and second by Commissioner Gregory; the board voted unanimously to switch the internet from AT&T to Starlink at Station 75 but keep the phones through AT&T. The board has also decided to table the decision on the internet at Station 71 until we know more about the remodel schedule. The board also approved switching from Verizon to AT&T as the wireless provider throughout the station.
- B. Commissioner Gregory informed the board that we are now members of SAFE-D and to continue doing their CE training through that portal provided.

WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2
411 FM 1375 E New Waverly, TX 77358

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURN

Next regular meeting will be held on March 7th, 2025 at 9:00, in meeting room at NWVFD.

With nothing further to discuss a motion was made by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Malak to adjourn at 10:10, the board voted unanimously to accept the next meeting date and motion passed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Malak". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Thomas Malak, Vice President / Secretary WCESD#2