

Palo Pinto County ESD # 2 Meeting Minutes

A Called Session of the Palo Pinto County Emergency Services District #2 Board met on January 28, 2022, at 6 p.m., at Santo Fire / EMS Station, Santo Texas.

The following subjects were discussed, considered, passed or adopted to wit.

1. Called to order and established a Quorum. Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by president Geoo. Commissioners present were Hershel Geoo, Charles Kitchens, Ron Dailey, Paul Smith and Mark Hukel.
2. Minutes of the previous December 16, 2021 regular meeting were read and approved.
3. Treasury Report: Hershel submitted an expense report, profit and loss report for the month as well as year to date for 2021, and balance sheet reflecting total assets of \$924,777.63. Mark made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Charles, all in favor. Mark made a motion to pay all due invoices, seconded by Ron, all in favor. Discussion on 2021 Audit with Paul Smith to check on other Audit agencies and get quotes to compare with Tabor Audit quote.
4. Public Comments:
 - a. This item is placed on the agenda to allow ESD Commissioners and members of the public to make comments, presentations, or announcements whether or not the item appears on the agenda. However, ESD Board Members may not deliberate or take action on any items not on this agenda in accordance with existing law. Issues raised may be placed on a subsequent agenda. Comments from the public are limited to 3 minutes unless a board member requests additional time for the presentation.
 - b. Four citizens spoke.
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. There was nothing discussed concerning the future of EMS operations at this time.
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Mark made a motion to table the appointment of the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Secretary until next month's meeting, seconded by Ron. The motion passed three to two.
 - B. The 501(c) (3) s was discussed, but no action was taken at this time.
 - C. Santo EMS monthly report – reported they had 26 run reports for service in December.
 - D. Lone Camp monthly report – Doug Stated Lone Camp responded to 7 calls for service.
7. COUNTY WIDE EMS ISSUES

There were no discussions on county wide EMS issues affecting ESD # 2.
8. Charles made a motion to adjourn into Executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code 551.071, for consultation with the boards' attorney to discuss legal matters, Seconded by Mark, all in favor at 6:54 p.m. The executive session was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.073, consultation with attorney. Before any closed meeting is convened, the Presiding Officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes,

actions or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

9. Next meeting Date: The next regular ESD 2 Board meeting was set for the 11th of February 2022, at 6 p.m., at the Santo Fire / EMS Station in Santo, Texas.
10. Meeting adjournment: Charles made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Mark Hukel, all in favor.

Dated this 28th Day of January 2022

By Charles Kitchens
Charles Kitchens (PT)

Hershel Gees
Hershel Gees, President

The Palo Pinto County Emergency Services District #2 Board reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of the meeting to discuss any of the items listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.073 [Consultation with Attorney], 551.072 [Deliberations about Real Property], 551.073 [Deliberations about gifts and donations], 551.074 [Personnel matters], 551.076 [Deliberations about security devices], and 551.086 [Economic development]. Before any closed meeting is convened, the Presiding Officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions or decisions will be taken in open meeting. Compliance with HB 2840: Under the Texas Government Code Section 551.007, any member of the public who desires to address the ESD Board regarding a specific item on the agenda will have the opportunity to address the Board when that Agenda item is discussed. Comments from the public are limited to 3 minutes unless the speaker requires the assistance of a translator, in which case the speaker is limited to 6 minutes. Individual Board members will also have the right to question the public on Agenda items. The District reserves the right to consider and take action on the above agenda items in any order. It also reserves the right to enter into a closed meeting on any agenda item as allowed by law. A Citizens Comment Form must be filed with the Secretary at least 10 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting for an individual to be allowed to speak during Citizen Comment. By completing the Citizen Comment Form, the individual understands and acknowledges that the public is not entitled to choose the items to be discussed by the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners. The individual executing the Citizen Comment Form understands that he/she is provided a limited amount of time, and that he/he may not be allowed to continue to address the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners if the comments are rude, disparaging or defamatory to any individual or entity, or the comments become disruptive to the good order of the meeting. If at a meeting of a governmental body, a member of the public or of the governmental body inquires about a subject for which notice has not been given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, the notice provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act do not apply to a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry; or, any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. It should be noted that pursuant to Section 38.13, Texas Penal Code, HINDERING PROCEEDINGS BY DISORDERLY CONDUCT: (a) A person commits an offense if he intentionally hinders an official proceeding by noise or violent or tumultuous behavior or disturbance; (b) A person commits an offense if he recklessly hinders an official proceeding by noise or violent or tumultuous behavior or disturbance and continues after explicit official request to desist; and, (c) An offense under Section 38.15, Texas Penal Code is a Class A misdemeanor.