

NAVARRO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1
Minutes from REGULAR MEETING on March 11, 2025

A Regular meeting of the Navarro County Emergency Services District #1 Board was held on the 11th day of March 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the ESD #1 offices located at 805 NE 2nd St, Kerens, TX 75144.

1. Call to order and establish quorum

- Commissioners present included Brett Latta (President), Greg Younger (Vice-President), Cylynn Callicutt (Treasurer), Betsy Stroder (Asst. Treasurer) and Pete Parish (Secretary).
- Quorum was established. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

2. Citizen Comments and Announcements

- Discussion of Eureka structure fire in February. Some misinformation being spread by business owner saying there was 45 minute response time. Radio logs shows first response by Corsicana FD in 16 minutes and 287RC in 18 minutes.
- Recognition of the passing of Bill Stovall, 35 year veteran of Corsicana FD.

3. Review and approve minutes from the February 2025 regular meeting

- Minutes of Feb 11, 2025 regular meeting were presented. Motion by Comm. Parish to approve the minutes, second by Comm. Callicutt, motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion, review, and possible action on Treasurer's report and Budget

- February 2024 Treasurer's report was reviewed. Budget accepted with changes.
- Comm. Callicutt shared that annual tax collections were ahead compared to last year with 73% being collected YTD.
- Comm. Stroder confirmed that she had completed the necessary paperwork to be an alternate signatory at Powell State bank.
- Discussion about the type of bank account where savings were held. Comm. Younger reported that Powell State Bank moved savings assets to a money market account.
- Continued discussion about consideration of an alternative to Powell State Bank. Comm. Younger reiterated that PSB does not have a formal agreement, but more of a "handshake" deal. He detailed discussions with Prosperity Bank where they have a formal public funds management department that is used by the City of Corsicana, City of Kerens and Navarro College. Comm. Younger made motion to begin the process of moving all accounts and assets to Prosperity bank, seconded by Comm. Callicutt and passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action on Paying of ESD and VFD Expense

- Comm. Callicutt reviewed current ESD expenses submission.
- Expenses for the month totaled \$2,232.95. Transaction report in notebook.
- Motion to approve payment of the expenses as presented by Comm. Stroder, seconded by Comm. Parish, motion passed unanimously.

6. Review VFD's monthly fire reports

- No notable activities this month.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding current and new Fire Station project and ESD/Armory improvements

- Continued discussion around planned KVFD fire station improvements. Topics included epoxy floor covering beyond front offices, foam insulation, and drainage. Confirmed the need for a 3" hydrant pipe.
- Comm. Latta shared response from Tyler architect, Kyle Payne.
- No motions made at this time.

8. Discussion ESD#1 response area around Hwy 31 and Hwy 31 bypass.

- Comm. Latta to identify ESD#1 tax revenues associate with properties in question.
- Discussed need to determine average response times by both ESD#1 Powell and Mildred VFDs.
- Recommendation made by Chief Kuta that we retain service area and taxes. No motion made at this time.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding Open Action Items

- Discussion around 4' x 8' Banners, tripod signpost and site of new structure. Comm. Latta shared the cost of 4' x 8' banners with t-posts would be \$250. Motion made by Comm. Parish to move forward with purchase of banners, seconded by Comm. Younger and passed unanimously.
- City of Kerens had asked that they be allowed to erect a 5'x7' sign identifying Kerens as "the birthplace of Big Tex" on the southeast corner of the armory property. No motion made at this time.
- Discussion of additional fire hydrant behind the ESD/Armory. There is currently a 6" concrete line. The ESD would need to purchase a 6" hydrant with a cost of \$5,000. City of Kerens would provide labor to install. Comm. Latta to investigate further. Motion moved to next month's meeting.
- Discussion of quote to apply epoxy flooring in ESD/Armory. Currently \$6,200 for front office spaces, \$30,900 for the entire building. No motion made at this time.
- Discussion of additional safety items (e.g. safety vests) for the 2025-2026 budget request.

10. Adjourn Meeting 7:22 pm

Pete Parish - Secretary