

NAVARRO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

MEETING MINUTES from BUDGET MEETING on AUGUST 18, 2026

A Budget meeting of the Navarro County Emergency Services District #1 Board was held on the 18th day of August 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the ESD Armory, 805 NE 2nd St, Kerens, TX 75144.

1. Call to order and establish quorum

- Commissioners present included Brett Latta (President), Greg Younger (Vice-President), Comm. Cylvonne Callicutt (Treasurer) and Comm. Betsy Stroder (Asst. Treasurer) and Pete Parish (Secretary).
- Quorum was established. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm.

2. Citizen Comments and Announcements

- None this meeting

3. Discussion and possible action for the proposed 2026-2027 budget

- Comm. Latta shared the revised final budget proposal for 2026 – 2027 (see attached).
- Motion made by Comm. Younger to move forward with the proposed 2026 – 2027 budget, seconded by Comm Callicutt, motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action for the proposed 2026 – 2027 tax rate

- Comm. Latta shared the various tax rate calculations available for 2026 – 2027.
- Discussed the historic 3.5% annual rate increase versus higher equipment and fuel costs over the previous year. Comm. Latta shared that a 3.5% increase would equate to \$2.00 property tax increase per \$100,000 taxable value.
- Discussed the ramifications of exceeding the small taxing entity threshold of \$500,000 per year.
- Motion made by Comm. Parish to adopt a 3.5% annual tax rate increase for 2026 – 2027, seconded by Comm. Younger, motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn Meeting 6:33 pm

Pete Parish – Secretary