

MINUTES OF Regular MEETING

June 26, 2025, Desert Haven 3:00PM (MDT)

IN ATTENDANCE

ESD #2 Commissioners	Others Present	Others Present	Others Present	Others Present
Present (In Person)	(In Person)	(In Person)	(Via Zoom)	(Via Zoom)
Chris Vaught	Mikala Gilbert	Stacie Ordonez	Adrian Diaz	
Jesse Larson	Jeff Sparger	Stacey De La Hoz	Blaine Whaley	
Charles Holder	Ben Mares	Anthony Velasquez	Ed Stec	
Monica Moutran	Cristal Gonzales	Luis De La Hoz	Matthew Brougher	
Present (Via Zoom)	Nicholas Rudl			
	Katherine Fontillas			

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Prayer.

Chris Vaught called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer followed.

2. Establishment of a quorum and certification of posting of agenda.

Chris Vaught declared a quorum, with 4/5 commissioners present. Chris Vaught certified that the meeting was posted on 6-23-2025 at 4.30 pm.

3. Public Comment

(In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, any response to a public comment that is made on an item not on the published final agenda will be limited to a statement of factual information or a statement of existing policy given in response to the public comment. Any deliberation or decision by the Board must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on a future agenda.)

Auction at Cornudas raised \$3,250.75 and \$3,254.51 was spent on Fire Equipment. Stacy De La Hoz stated that she was disappointed in the response to a fire that occurred about a week and half ago. She stated that there was equipment failure and selfish acts from fire personnel. Stacie Ordonez stated that she would like to see everyone to learn from mistakes made during these incidents. She also wanted to thank Glenda Merrit for her service to the community and asked for a moment of silence to honor Glenda Merrit's life. Katherine Fontillas stated that rescheduling of ESD meetings must stop. Charlie from Cornudas stated that although there were multiple issues with the fire response, at the end the fire was put out and no one was hurt.

- 4. Review and approval of minutes of regular and/or special meetings.
 - a. May 21st, 2025, Regular Meeting;
 - b. June 3rd, 2025, Special Meeting;
 - Regular Meeting minutes for May 21st, 2025 were already approved in a previous meeting.
 - b. Charles Holder motioned to accept special meeting minutes as is.
 Jesse Larson seconded motion.
 Motion carried by the board.
- 5. Consider, discuss, and/or take action on Administrator Reports and Updates.
 - a. Hudspeth County ESD #2 Operations Administrator.

Mikala Gilbert stated that there are no updates on Data Billing and that they are still working on getting set up with Starlink. She also stated that Kaitlyn Snow would like to have a special meeting for questions that came up during the audit.

b. Hudspeth County ESD #2 Fire Administrator.

Jeff Sparger thanked everyone who responded to the last fire on Lynch, for their hard work. He thanked Chief Rudl for communication assistance and equipment donated to Cornudas for Cornudas Fire Engine. He suggested setting a meeting place / staging area for all responders during future fires. He also stated that communication is still an issue and that they need to look into grants for more financial support. Jeff Sparger also wanted to mention that he assigned Luis De La Hoz as his assistance.

Jesse Larson motioned to approve the reports.

Charles Holder seconded motion.

Motion carried by the board.

- 6. Review and approval of monthly bills and payments, including provider invoices.
- 7. Consider, discuss, and/or take action on Repairs, Quotes and Damaged Equipment from Lynch Fire.

No action taken waiting on the final invoice.

8. Consider, discuss and/or take action on Public Information Request.

Attorney Carlton stated that he sent a letter to Richard Stives stating that the matter had been closed.

Community members requesting total cost of the public information request from Richard Stives.

No action taken.

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9. Consider, discuss and/or take action on Desert Haven Using Station For Farmers Market.

Jesse Larson motions to approve usage of Desert Haven Fire Station for farmers Market on July 19th 2025.

Monica Moutran seconded motion. Motion carried by the board.

10. Consider, discuss and/or take action on E-Dispatch for ESD Fire Service Division.

This item was tabled.

11. Consider, discuss and/or take action on Starlink

This item was tabled.

- 12. Consider, discuss and/or take action on contract providers.
- a. Fire Contracts

Monica Moutran motioned to move forward with provider contract updates.

Charles Holder seconded motion.

Motion carried by the board.

b. Northern Hudspeth county EMS

Chris Vaught motioned to reinstate allotment with an extended time of 90days to establish non profit status.

Jesse Larson seconded motion.

Motion carried by the board.

13. Consider, discuss, and/or take action on Fire Unit 45.

No action taken

14. Consider, discuss and/or take action on an agreement with county land owners for water tank use.

Jesse Larson motioned to approve lease agreement for water tanks.

Charles Holder seconded motion.

Motion carried by the board.

15. Consider, discuss and/or take action on Auto sist proposal.

This item was tabled.

16. Consider, discuss and/or take action on 2025-2026 fiscal year budget.

a. Budget Discussion

No action taken.

b. Schedule special meetings and workshops

First special meeting on July 30th.

17. Consider, discuss and/or take action on adoption of the tax and budget planning calendar, authorize payment of tax process publications and any related actions.

Monica Moutran motioned to approve the adoption of the tax and budget planning calendar, authorized payment of tax process publication.

Jesse Larson seconded motion.

Motion carried by the board.

18. Consider, discuss and/or take action on District website status, accessibility, and posting requirements and take any related action.

Chris Vaught motioned to approve District website status, accessibility, and posting requirements. Jesse Larson seconded motion.

Motion carried by the board.

19. Executive Session.

None

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- 20. Commissioners' Communication (non-actionable reports and updates)
 None
- 21. Set agenda items for the next meeting. -everything tabled
- 22. Adjourn

Monica Moutran motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:27pm. Jesse Larson seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the board.

PASSED AND APPROVED

____ AS PRESENTED

_____ WITH CORRECTIONS

THIS <u>&B</u> DAY of July 2025

President Chris Vaught

Secretary Monica Moutran

Minutes done by Monica Moutran