MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2026 REGULAR MEETING OF
FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 9

A regular meeting was duly called of the **FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 9** (the "District"), which was held on May 20, 2026, at the Needville Fire Station, 3323 Richmond Street, Needville, Texas 77461.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the President of the Board of Commissioners ("Board" or "Commissioners"), **Barbara Smolik**. Pursuant to Agenda Item 1, a roll call of the Commissioners was made, and a quorum was confirmed, to-wit:

Barbara Smolik	President
Keith Thumann	Vice President
Rex Havron	Secretary
Jon Norwood	Treasurer
RJ Reiser	Assistant Treasurer/Assistant Secretary

All members of the Board were present, thus constituting a quorum. Also present at the meeting were Monica A. Garza of Polley Garza PLLC, attorney for the District ("PG" or "Attorney"); Millie Dunmire of Artesian Financial Services, bookkeeper for the District ("Bookkeeper"); Jill Henze of Breedlove & Company, P.C., auditor for the District ("Auditor"); Chief Troy Svatek, Fire Chief of the Needville Fire Department ("FD"); Captain Sparky Anderson, Captain of the FD; and Brandon Ordoyne, Treasurer of the FD.

Pursuant to Agenda Item 2, Commissioner **Smolik** led the meeting attendees in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 3 regarding public comment; however, no public comments were offered.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 4 regarding review of the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 15, 2026. A motion was made by Commissioner **Thumann**, seconded by Commissioner **Norwood**, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 15, 2026, as presented. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 5, and Ms. Henze presented a draft of the Audit Report, Auditor's Management Letter and letter regarding internal controls for the Fiscal Year Ended ("FYE") December 31, 2025. Ms. Henze reported the Auditor is issuing a clean opinion. Ms. Henze then noted that the value of the District's liabilities and assets increased within the past year. A motion was made by Commissioner **Thumann**, seconded by Commissioner **Havron**, to approve the Audit Report for the FYE December 31, 2025, and to authorize the District's Attorney to file the report with the appropriate governmental entities. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Garza stated that PG will file the Audit Report with the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court prior to June 1st.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 6 regarding review of the Financial Report. Ms. Dunmire reported that the District's general fund beginning balance was $19,233.68 following the prior meeting, with subsequent receipt of tax revenue in the amount of $27,714.72, sales tax revenue in the amount of $60,607.15, and interest income in the amount of $3.96. Ms. Dunmire stated that $75,000.00 was transferred from the District's operating account to the investment account. Ms. Dunmire further reported that the current balance of the District's bank account at NewFirst Bank is $19,764.31 and the balance of the TexPool account is $2,903,235.43.

Ms. Dunmire next reviewed the invoices presented for approval at today's meeting, a copy of which is included in the Financial Report. Ms. Dunmire stated that check no. 1143 payable to the FD in the amount of $47,371.30 was issued for payment of capital expenses. Ms. Dunmire further noted that the Bookkeeper's invoice was lower than usual this month due to a billing error the prior month, for which the District was issued a credit.

Ms. Dunmire next reviewed with the Board the actual versus budgeted income and expenses for the FYE December 31, 2026.

Ms. Dunmire then reviewed the Tax Collections Report for April, which is contained in the Financial Report, and stated that the District's 2025 taxes are 95.08% collected. Ms. Dunmire reported that $85,469.89 remains outstanding for tax year 2025. Ms. Dunmire next reviewed the sales tax revenue report.

A motion was made by Commissioner **Norwood,** seconded by Commissioner **Thumann,** to approve the Financial Report, as presented. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 7 and Chief Svatek reviewed with the Board the monthly report from the FD, including the run-and-response report, manpower status, and equipment and apparatus reports. Chief Svatek reviewed the volume of calls responded to last month as compared to April 2025. Chief Svatek then noted that the majority of solo calls that the FD responds to occur during shift changes. Chief Svatek reported that all fire engines are back in operation and are currently undergoing preventative maintenance.

Chief Svatek next reported that the FD currently has nineteen (19) paid duty crew members and added that two (2) new crew members were hired and will be onboarded soon. Chief Svatek then stated that an interview has been scheduled with one (1) applicant.

Mr. Ordoyne then reviewed with the Board the FD's financial report. Mr. Ordoyne stated that several large expenditures were paid this month, including insurance and workers compensation premiums. Mr. Ordoyne stated that payment for fire engine no. 73 was transferred from the FD's capital funds. Regarding the check to the FD in the amount of $47,371.30, Mr. Ordoyne explained that such funds were used to purchase personal protective equipment for crew members. Discussion next ensued regarding the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 8 and Ms. Garza reported that the District received one (1) Public Information Act request in the last month and stated that PG responded timely. Ms. Garza explained that the requestor requested a list of all addresses to which the FD was dispatched for residential fires from January through April 2026; however, the FD's reporting software is not capable of creating such list.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 9 relating to community matters; however, there were no updates to report at this time.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 10 and Commissioner **Reiser** then reported that the City of Needville (the "City") wants to proceed discussing with the District options for the sale of property for future fire station(s). Commissioner **Reiser** further reported that the City obtained a facilities report for the property at 3323 Richmond Street and determined that such location will meet the City's needs for a first responder location and would like to partner with the District to occupy such property. Commissioner **Reiser** next reported that an appraisal is being prepared for another property that the District may potentially seek to acquire to expand the District's facilities. Discussion then ensued regarding potentially acquiring property in areas of the District where development is growing.

Next, Ms. Garza presented to the Board a letter to developers regarding potential sites for future District facilities. The Board approved distribution of the letter by Commissioner Smolik, subject to revisions as discussed in the meeting.

There being no further business brought before the Board, upon motion made, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Secretary of the Board

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