MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2026 REGULAR MEETING OF
<u>FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 9</u>

A regular meeting was duly called of the **FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 9** (the "District"), which was held on June 17, 2026, at the Needville Fire Station, 3323 Richmond Street, Needville, Texas 77461.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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"); Chief Troy Svatek, Fire Chief of the Needville Fire Department ("FD"), via video conference; Captain Sparky Anderson, Captain of the FD; Brandon Ordoyne, Treasurer of the FD; and Mr. Brett Lucksinger and Mr. John Booth with SLI Group, Inc. ("SLI Group").

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 May 20, 2026. A motion was made by Commissioner **Havron**, seconded by Commissioner **Thumann**, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 20, 2026, as presented. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 7 and Messrs. Lucksinger and Booth introduced themselves to the Board as representatives of SLI Group, a commercial design and building firm. Messrs. Lucksinger and Booth then discussed their professional experience and the services offered by SLI Group and responded to questions from the Board.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 5 regarding review of the Financial Report. Ms. Dunmire reported that the District's general fund beginning balance was $19,764.31 following the prior meeting, with subsequent receipt of tax revenue in the amount of $20,329.49, sales tax revenue in the amount of $57,366.68, and interest income in the amount of $6.35. Ms. Dunmire stated that $30,000.00 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 $20,953.68 and the balance of the TexPool account is $2,882,305.79.

Ms. Dunmire then reviewed the invoices presented for approval at today's meeting, a copy of which is included in the Financial Report.

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

Ms. Dunmire then reviewed the Tax Collections Report for May, which is contained in the Financial Report, and stated that the District's 2025 taxes are 96.06% collected. Ms. Dunmire reported that $68,533.01 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 6 and Captain Anderson reviewed with the Board the monthly report from the FD, including the run-and-response report, manpower status, and equipment and apparatus reports. Captain Anderson reported that all fire engines are back in operation, although some are currently undergoing routine preventative maintenance.

Captain Anderson next reported that the FD hired one (1) new volunteer crew member last week and added that the FD currently has twenty-one (21) paid duty crew members.

Chief Svatek then stated that Captain Anderson is retiring from the FD at the end of the month and reported that Commissioner **Thumann** is being hired to take over Captain Anderson's administrative duties effective July 1st.

Chief Svatek next reported that the FD is considering donating cascade fire engine no. 71 to another fire department because the repairs needed cost more than the value of the vehicle. The Board concurred with the FD's decision to donate cascade fire engine no. 71 but noted no District funds were used to procure such apparatus.

Mr. Ordoyne then reviewed with the Board the FD's financial report.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 8 and Ms. Garza reported that the District has not received any Public Information Act request within the past month.

Next, Ms. Garza presented a First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Fort Bend County (the "County") for the Collection of Taxes (the "Agreement"). Ms. Garza explained that the County currently charges the District for its services after tax statements are mailed to residents; however, the County is proposing to automatically withdraw the amount owed to the County by the District from the tax funds collected on the District's behalf.

Ms. Garza then stated that the District's insurance coverage is expiring on September 20, 2026.

A motion was made by Commissioner **Havron,** seconded by Commissioner **Norwood,** to: 1) approve the Attorney's Report, as presented; 2) approve the Agreement with the County; and 3) authorize PG to obtain a proposal from VFIS for the renewal of the District's insurance. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 9 relating to community matters; and Chief Svatek stated that the FD will be in attendance at the Needville Freedom Festival on July 2nd. Chief Svatek further stated that the FD will be participating in an upcoming blood drive.

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). Discussion ensued regarding potentially scheduling a meeting with the City to discuss the next steps. Commissioner **Smolik** reported that she reached out to the County Engineer to obtain a list of developers from whom the District could potentially acquire land on which to expand the District's facilities. Ms. Garza stated the letter previously approved by the Board will be sent to developers once the list is received from the County. Commissioner **Reiser** then stated that the City is still interested in partnering with the District for the rehabilitation of the property at 3323 Richmond Street and communications regarding same continue.

There being no further business brought before the Board, upon motion made, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Secretary of the Board