

FRIO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 6, 2026

THE FRIO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1 COMMISSIONERS CONDUCTED A REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 6, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE BIGFOOT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT LOCATED AT 13988 FM 472, BIGFOOT, TX 78005.

Call the Frio County Emergency Service District No. 1 (“ESD”) Board Meeting to Order; Secretary will call roll; Quorum is established, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Chico Hines called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Chico Hines, Linda Parsons, Bob Grubb, John Earls and Philip Collier were present, a quorum was established. Chico Hines gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

- 1) **Citizens to be heard.** The new Dilley VFD fire chief, Russell Furnace, introduced himself.
- 2) **Approval of minutes.** JD Earls made a motion to approve the minutes. Linda Parsons seconded the motion, with all in favor, the motion passed.
- 3) **Approval to pay bills.** JD Earls made a motion to pay the bills presented. Linda Parsons seconded the motion, with all in favor, the motion passed.
- 4) **The next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2026 at Bigfoot VFD.**
- 5) **Discuss, consider and possible action regarding auditor’s report on Bigfoot VFD agreed upon procedures.** Karl Goerhing presented the Bigfoot VFD agreed upon procedures draft report.

Executive Session: The Board may convene into Executive Session Authorized by Chapters 551.071, 551.074 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, as it pertains to legal matters, personnel issues and real estate. The Board convened in Executive Session as authorized by Chapters 551.071 and 551.074 at 7:18 pm to discuss items 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 with the attorney.

- 6) **The Board will reconvene in open session and take any action necessary resulting from Executive Session.** The Board reconvened in open session at 8:27 pm.
- 7) **Discuss, consider and possible action regarding paid fire and/or EMS staffing and the creation of same pursuant to 775 of the Texas Health and Safety Code along with all matters relating thereto, including but not limited to a temporary fire administrator/fire chief.** No action was taken.
- 8) **Discuss, consider and possible action regarding the hiring, appointment, employment, vacation, evaluation, duties, pay rates, compensation, benefits, retirement, resignation, reassignment of responsibilities, complaints, information requests and department policies of public officers, commissioners, members, volunteers or employees.** No action was taken.
- 9) **Discuss, consider and possible action regarding Dilley VFD and issues related to coverage and contractual requirements with the City of Dilley and rights of the District to determine**

violations and remedies regarding same and any other matter related thereto. Bob Grubb made a motion to enter into an agreement with the City of Dilley and move forward with the transfer of equipment and to lease the firehouse for \$1.00 per year. Philip Collier seconded the motion, with all in favor, the motion passed.

- 10) **Discuss, consider and possible action regarding Dilley VFD audit engagement letter.** Bob Grubb made a motion to engage Armstrong, Vaughan and Associates to perform the Dilley VFD audit. Linda Parsons seconded the motion, with all in favor, the motion passed.
- 11) **Discuss, consider and possible action to approve and/or ratify an agreement with the City of Pleasanton to provide fire protection within the boundaries of the Frio County Emergency Services District No. 1.** Bob Grubb made a motion to suspend consideration of this agreement. Philip Collier seconded the motion, with all in favor, the motion passed.
- 12) **Discuss, consider and possible action regarding 2026 proposed tax rate and publication of public hearing for same.** Philip Collier made a motion to approve a No New Revenue tax rate of \$0.033347/\$100, a Voter Approval tax rate of \$0.034566/\$100 and a De minimus tax rate of \$0.049666/\$100 and to publish the 2026 Property Tax Rates in the Frio Nueces Current and the ESD website. Linda Parsons seconded the motion, with all in favor, the motion passed. Philip Collier made a motion to approve a proposed 2026 tax rate of \$0.03/\$100. JD Earls seconded the motion, with all in favor, the motion passed.
- 13) **Discuss, consider and possible action regarding 2026-2027 ESD proposed budget.** No action was taken.
- 14) **Discuss, consider and possible action on Pearsall VFD request to purchase new pumper.** No action was taken.
- 15) **Discuss, consider and possible action regarding service provider agreements for the next fiscal year.** No action was taken.
- 16) **Adjourn.** Linda Parsons made a motion to adjourn at 9:23 pm. JD Earls seconded the motion, with all in favor, the motion passed.

ATTEST:

Signature

Name/Title

Date

Signature

Name/Title

Date