



JASPER COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1
P.O. BOX 2030
BUNA, TEXAS 77612

Commissioners:

Steve Hyden – President
Mark Mueller – Vice Pres
Billy Ted Smith – Sec/Treas
Tracy Shipley -Commissioner
Todd Walters - Commissioner

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
AUGUST 20, 2025

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§
COUNTY OF JASPER	§
JASPER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1	§

The Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of Jasper County Emergency Services District No. 1 (the "District") met in regular session, open to the public, at the Buna Sub Courthouse, Buna, Texas 77612, a meeting place inside the boundaries of the District, on Tuesday August 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. whereupon, the roll was called of the members of the Board, to-wit:

Steve Hyden	President
Mark Mueller	Vice – President
Billy Ted Smith	Secretary/Treas
Tracy Shipley	Commissioner
Todd Walters	Commissioner

All members of the Board were present constituting a quorum. Also attending the meeting were: the following: Larry McBride (Fire Chief); Mr. Williamson of Buna VFD, Mr. Cooper of Acadian and Monty Cartright of Allegiance. A copy of the sign-in sheet is attached hereto.

WHEREUPON the meeting was called to order by the President Hyden and evidence was presented that public notice of the meeting had been given in compliance with the law. The posted notices of the meeting are attached hereto.

Citizens Comments

No citizen comments.

CONSIDER OR ACTION INSURANCE PACKAGES FOR DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT

After discussion and review, it was agreed that we will continue to utilize VFIS as our agent on a motion by Mr. Walters and seconded by Mr. Shipley. Motion carried without opposition.

CONSIDER FOR ACTION 2025 – 2026 BUDGET

Discuss and consider taking action regarding 2025 tax rate, including:

- a. Establishing proposed tax rate and taking record vote:
Voting Aye were Commissioners Steve Hyden, Tracy Shipley, Todd Walters, Mark Mueller and Billy Ted Smith.
- b. Authorizing expense and publication of “Small taxing Unit Notice” in newspaper with, motion by Mr. Smith and second by Mr. Walters and no opposition. Motion Carried.
- c. Acknowledging and approve posting of “Small taxing Unit Notice” to home page of District website. Approved on motion by Mr. Walters and seconded by Mr. Shipley.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings conducted on July 29, 2025, were approved on motion by Todd Walters and seconded by Mark Mueller. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

The Board approved the Treasurer Report to include that included:

- a. Treasurer Financial presented by Treasurer Smith
- b. October Expense Approval Report presented by Treasurer Smith
- c. All Financial Reports presented by Treasurer Smith. All these items were approved by motion by Mr. Walter, and seconded by Mr. Shipley. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Entered into executive session at 6:30
Board met regarding real or other property.

Back into regular session at 6:40

President Hyden made a motion that the District would immediately take full control and operations for Tanker #5 and Mr. Walters and Mr. Mueller would be the team to bring it into operation instead of the Department. Motion seconded by Mr. Shipley, with no opposition.

EMS REPORT OF ACADIAN AMBULANCE SERVICE

Tabled

REPORTS OF THE BUNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Board considered approval of the Run Reports, Financial, Membership and other reports of the Department for the month of May by Fire Chief Larry McBride. Upon a motion by Commissioner Walters, seconded by Commissioner Shipley after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board unanimously approved Run Report of July and other membership, and financial statements as presented

Discuss and take action on the construction and change orders of the new Cairo Springs station;

Tabled

Discussion and action on requested construction of storage space added to the present fire station on Hwy 62 by the Department

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Shipley and seconded by Mr. Walters to approve the construction up to an amount not to exceed \$17,400. Motion carried.

Review and act on improvements, repairs, maintenance and construction of facilities, including but not limited to permits, utilities, architectural or engineering services, selection of contractors, approval of costs/budgets for projects, and payment of construction-related bills;

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Discussion and possible action regarding real;estate on Hwy 96 South in Buna (old VFW hall); and possible sale of property;

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To review and act on matters related to communications, dispatching, or traffic preemption, including interlocal d, contracts, or purchasing equipment;

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Discussion regarding Tanker #5 and the status of the grant from Texas Forest Service;

See Executive Session

Review of meeting Planner

Next meeting will be September 16, 2025

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. this date July 29, 2025.

PASSED, PROVED AND ADOPTED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Billy L. Shaw". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Billy" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Shaw".

SECRETARY, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- Digital (taped) proceedings of this meeting is in storage at ESD office