



Austin County Emergency Services District No. 1

Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2026

1. Call to order at 6:02 pm and quorum check

Present were:

Ray Chislett, President
Chris Broxson, Vice President
Vivian Williams, Secretary
Kim Silver, Treasurer
Dawn Coufel, Commissioner

Also present, Chief Silver

2. Public Comments:

None Present

3. Presentation by SLI Group, Inc.:

Presentation by Bret Lucksinger. SLI Group, Inc. is a commercial design/build company that works with fire departments in building new stations or reconfiguring and augmenting existing stations.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Commissioner Coufel to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Broxson.
Motion passed.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Silver presented the District's financial report and bank statements.

Commissioner Broxson made a motion that the Lonestar CD maturing on the 7th of March be rolled over at a rate of 3.80%, seconded by Commissioner Coufel.

Motion passed.

Commissioner Broxson made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by Commissioner Coufel
Motion passed. **For more detailed information concerning the District's financial status, the financial reports are on file with the District.**

6. Chief's Report:

16 Calls for the month

- 5 Fires
- 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 4 Emergency Medical Assists
- 2 Mutual Aid
- 1 Miscellaneous
- 1 Disregard

The Fire Department received two grants from the Texas A&M Forest Service.

Apparatus and Equipment Grant for \$25,000. The grant pays 95% of equipment cost and the Fire Department is responsible for the remaining 5% of equipment cost.

Training Aid Grant for \$10,000. The grant pays 100% of cost for firefighter training.

The Fire Department has completed the hose testing on all apparatus. Several hose lengths failed during the pressure test. The Chief's main objective will be upgrading hose to prevent failure during emergency usage. Funds from the **Apparatus and Equipment Grant** will be used for this purpose.

The **State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association (SFFMA)** approved a **SAFER Grant** for the SFFVFD. The Fire Department can send members to become certified in either fire fighter status, EMT or Paramedic school. The State requires that individuals attending these classes must sign a two-year contract to remain with the San Felipe/Frydek Volunteer Fire Department.

SFFVFD had three cadets graduate from the fire academy last month with funding offered through the Texas A&M Forest Service.

7. Discussion on consulting services agreement with HDL COMPINES.

Motion made by Commissioner Broxson to retain HDL COMPANIES to provide administrative assistance related to sales and use tax, seconded by Commissioner Williams.

Motion passed.

8. Comments and Miscellaneous:

Next meeting will be at 6:00 pm, April 13th at the Fire Station in San Felipe.

9. Motion made by Commissioner Silver to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Coufel.

Motion Passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:35.

Secretary

Vivian Williams