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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 – Board Room
16001 Socorro Road
Fabens, Texas 79838

DUE TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AND/OR LOCAL DISASTER CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GUIDANCES, ORDERS AND DECLARATIONS OF DISASTER RELATED THERETO, THE DISTRICT MAY EXERCISE ITS AUTHORITY TO HOLD THE MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE AND/OR TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL OR OTHER REMOTE PROCEDURES BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY AND RISKS OF CONVENING A QUORUM IN ONE LOCATION. THE MEETING MAY BE ACCESSED BY THE PUBLIC VIA WEB:

<https://hype.onscreensolutions.com/epcountyesd2>

Posted: Thursday, January 14, 2021

All matters listed on this agenda may be discussed in executive session at the option of the El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 Commissioners following verbal announcement if an appropriate exception to the open meeting requirement of the Texas Open Meetings Act is applicable.

1. Call meeting to order.
Meeting was called to order by **Chief Esparza at 6:00 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance
&
Prayer

2. Establishment of Quorum

Present: President Adrian Santana, Vice President Michael Diaz, Treasurer Rick Avalos and Commissioner Mike Barnes
Not Present: Secretary Jacquelin Butler

3. Public comments: must notify the board to speak on certain agenda items.
(5 minutes) Public can comment by calling: **(915) 213-3008**

Pin Code: 342 891 435#

Chief Cerecerez called regarding Item #13 at 6:04 PM. He will call back once we are discussing Item #13.



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Consent Agenda

4. Discuss and approve the minutes of the special meeting held on December 8, 2020.
5. Discussion and action on the financial report.
 - a. Report on the bank balances.
Money market, operation account, inspection account
 - Bank reconciliations
 - Check registers attached
 - Department profit & loss budget vs. actual

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: President Santana **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Member not Present: Secretary Butler

Regular Agenda

6. Discussion on Communications Report by Elva Ramos

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Informational purposes only.

7. Discussion on report by Chief Esparza.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Informational purposes only.

8. Discussion and action on all expenditures exceeding two-thousand dollars:
TargetSolutions \$2,712.48, SWPPE a Division of D&D Mountain Air Cleaners
SFD \$6,100.00/ CFD \$2,000.00/ FFD \$2,400.00/ MVFD \$3,300.00 and WFD
\$7,300.00.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Member not Present: Secretary Butler



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9. Review and discuss credit card, central purchasing and inventory policies.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: President Santana **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Member not Present: Secretary Butler

10. Discussion and action on contract service fees initial payment for all Fire Departments.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved, first initial payment in the amount of \$15,000.00 to all Fire Departments.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz **Seconded by:** President Santana

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Member not Present: Secretary Butler

11. Discussion and action on allowing Chief Esparza to have internships for all Fire Departments while they attend school without pay.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Member not Present: Secretary Butler

12. Discussion and action on all District-owned Equipment.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

At 6:23 PM Item postpone later time during meeting.

At 7:33 PM Item was discussed.

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Member not Present: Secretary Butler



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13. Discussion and action on cell phones requested to ESD #2.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

At 6:28 PM Chief Cerecerez joins meeting to comment on this item.

Motion: Approved, to purchase new cell phones and keep the current price, for a coveted phone, throughout the nation at a reasonable price.

Motioned by: Treasure Avalos **Seconded by:** President Santana

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Member not Present: Secretary Butler

14. Discussion and action on the purchase of foam from DACO Fire Equipment in the amount of \$4,160.00.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Member not Present: Secretary Butler

15. Discussion and action on the gas plumbing for Socorro Fire Department.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved, D&D Pimentel Plumbing, Contractor in the amount of \$11,250.00.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Member not Present: Secretary Butler

Executive Session

*The El Paso County ESD #2 is now entering into a closed meeting, pursuant to the Texas Government code section 551-071: to consult with the District Attorney concerning all matters identified in the agenda. Where board members seek the advice of their attorney as privileged communications. The date is Tuesday, January 19, 2021 and the time is **6:50 PM**.*

16. Discussion and action on personnel matters.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved, give Assistant Chief Saucedo all 8-year credit.

Motioned by: Treasure Avalos **Seconded by:** Vice President Diaz

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Member not Present: Secretary Butler



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17. Discussion and action with legal counsel about legal matters.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Informational purposes to proceed as deliberated.

*The El Paso County ESD #2 has completed its closed meeting. The date is Tuesday, January 19, 2021 and the time is **7:33 PM**.*

Regular Session

18. Discuss and approve the next meeting to take place on Tuesday, February 16th, at 6:00 PM via Web.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz **Seconded by:** President Santana

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Member not Present: Secretary Butler

19. Adjournment at **7:37 PM**.

* The District reserves the right to consider and take action on the above agenda items in any order. It also reserves the right to enter into a closed meeting on any agenda item as allowed by law. A Citizens Comment Form must be filed with the Secretary at least 10 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting for an individual to be allowed to speak during Citizen Comment. By completing the Citizen Comment Form, the individual understands and acknowledges that the public is not entitled to choose the items to be discussed or to speak about items not on the agenda, but that this opportunity is provided as a privilege. The individual executing the Citizen Comment Form understands that he/she is provided a limited amount of time, and that he/she may not be allowed to continue to address the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners if the comments are rude, disparaging or defamatory to any individual or entity, or the comments become disruptive to the good order of the meeting. If at a meeting of a governmental body, a member of the public or of the governmental body inquires about a subject for which notice has not been given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, the notice provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act do not apply to a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry; or, any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. It should be noted that pursuant to Section 38.13, Texas Penal Code, **HINDERING PROCEEDINGS BY DISORDERLY CONDUCT:** (a) A person commits an offense if he intentionally hinders an official proceeding by noise or violent or tumultuous behavior or disturbance; (b) A person commits an offense if he recklessly hinders an official proceeding by noise or violent or tumultuous behavior or disturbance and continues after explicit official request to desist; and, (c) An offense under Section 38.15, Texas Penal Code is a Class A misdemeanor.