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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, August 31, 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, August 26, 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 Santana, Vice President Mike Diaz, Treasurer Rick Avalos, and Commissioner Mike Barnes.
Not Present: Secretary Jaquelin 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: 544 783 789#

6:06 PM Chief Adler called to comment on Item #8.



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Consent Agenda

4. Discuss and approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 17, 2021.

Motion: Approved.

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

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

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: Secretary Butler

Regular Agenda

5. Public Hearing on El Paso County Emergency Services District No. 2's proposed 2021 ad valorem tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 valuation, consisting of a separately approved Debt Rate of \$0.048541 and separately approved Maintenance and Operations Rate of \$0.051459 per \$100 valuation.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Treasurer Avalos **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

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

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: Secretary Butler

6. Discussion and action on the adoption of the 2021 ad valorem tax rate of El Paso County Emergency Services District No. 2 of \$0.10 per \$100 valuation, consisting of a separately approved Debt Rate of \$0.048541 and a separately approved Maintenance and Operations Rate of \$0.051459 per \$100 valuation, and authorize the appropriate District officials to implement same and execute necessary orders for same.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved, to adopt the 2021 ad valorem tax rate of El Paso County Emergency Services District No. 2 of \$0.10 per \$100 valuation, consisting of a separately approved Debt Rate of \$0.048541 and a separately approved Maintenance and Operations Rate of \$0.051459 per \$100 valuation.

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

Members not present: Secretary Butler

7. Discussion and action on a resolution to become members of TIPS buy board.

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

Members not present: Secretary Butler



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8. Discussion and action on approving the purchase of 5 sets of water rescue dry suites for the West Valley Fire Department.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved, Calwen Inc. dba Rescue Source in the amount of \$7,821.58.

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

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

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana and Secretary Butler

Executive Session

9. Discussion and action on legal matters.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Deleted Item.

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

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

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana and Secretary Butler

Regular Session

10. Discuss and approve the next meeting to take place on _____ at 6:00P.M via Web to the public and in person for ESD2 Board of Commissioners.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved, Special Meeting Monday, September 27, 2021.

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

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

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana and Secretary Butler

11. Adjournment at **6:19 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/he 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.