BRAZOS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO.2

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Meeting Minutes
August 24th, 2026

Location: Kurten Church

1. **Call meeting to order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Micheal Hering.

   Attendance:

   Elected Officers:

   Michael Hering – Vice President
   Larry West – Secretary
   Scott Fraley – Assistant Treasurer
   Lloyd Scasta -- Treasurer

2. **Public comment on items not on the agenda.**

   a. Steve Bakalian Bryan TX 77808

3. **Public comment on agenda items.**

   a. Jason Ware Bryan TX 77808
   b. Melissa Easley Bryan TX 77808

4. **Receive the monthly report from the treasurer and consider approval of payment of monthly bills and invoices: and b. approval of monthly financial report c: Approval of quarterly investment report:**

   Bank Statements were reviewed, and Lloyd Scasta presented the financial status of the ESD. Larry West made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Scott Fraley seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Five invoices were discussed and considered:

1.	Tradd Mills	$1,085.61
2.	Carlton Law Firm	$4,534.65
3.	TD&C	$1,850.00

4. RIT Management $2,555.19
5. PNC Equipment $15,145.83

Lloyd Scasta made a motion to pay the submitted invoices. Scott Fraley seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Quarterly investment report will be tabled until available for Q3.

5. **District 2 operations report.**

   Chief Mills provided an update on the calls for the month and informed the board the new SCBA's are being put into service. Chief also provided a brief update on all equipment and apparatus as well as a brief description of the recent mold found at the Kurten station. Chief Mills is gathering some mitigation quotes for the mold and providing options to the board.

6. **Chief's Report.** Included in Agenda Item 5.

7. **Discuss and possibly approve August payment to service providers.** None currently. No action taken.

8. **Discuss consider approval of minutes for the April 20, 2026, meeting, July 20, 2026 meeting and July 30, 2026, special meeting.**

   Michael Hering informed the Board that the attorneys had not got a chance to review the minutes from these meetings. This agenda item will be tabled until the September meeting.

9. **Discuss and consider action to adopt budget for fiscal year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, (budget must be adopted before the tax rate).**

   Lloyd Scasta made a motion to adopt the budget for fiscal year October 1, 2026, to September 30th, 2027. Larry West seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

10. **Take a record vote on the district's 2026 tax rate, adopt order leveraging taxes, authorized filing the order with the Brazos County tax assessor slash collector.**

    Lloyd Scasta made a motion to adopt a proposed tax rate and then rescinded the motion. Lloyd Scasta made a motion to increase the property tax rate by stating "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $0.0300000 per $100 valuation, which is effectively a 29.86 percent increase in the tax rate." Larry West seconded the motion. A recoded vote was taken:

    a. **Micheal Hering – yes**
    b. **Larry West – yes**
    c. **Lloyd Scasta – yes**
    d. **Scott Fraley – no**

Motion passed 3-1.

11. **Authorize posting a statement regarding adopted tax rate to homepage of the district website.**

    Larry West made a motion to post the statement regarding the adopted tax rate to the District website homepage. Lloyd Scasta seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

12. **Discuss and consider action on HDL companies proposal dated August 11th, 2026, to provide comprehensive community insight reports and property tax dashboard services for District 2.**

    Item is tabled at this time. HDL will be contacted and invited to a future meeting to provide more information.

13. **Discuss considered approval of resolution authorizing the district to declare the 2009 Spartan engine had surplus and disposed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Health and safety code.**

    Discussion was had about the history of the Spartan engine and the possibility of Salem fire department's interest in purchasing equipment**.** Larry West made a motion to approve the resolution and the value of approximately $25,000.00 for the surplus value. Lloyd Scasta seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

14. **Discuss and consider taking action on Phase 2 of SCBA purchase per Casco quotation 218-443-0999.**

    Chief Mills briefly went over Phase 2 of the SCBA purchases noting that he was requesting funds to purchase 6 additional air packs. Scott Fraley made a motion to authorize Chief Mills to purchase 4 air packs and wait until the sale of the surplus before any additional packs were purchased. The motion was rescinded. Michael Hering made a motion to carry out phase two of the SCBA purchase for the Casco quotation. Larry West seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

15. **Discuss and consider taking action quote 318093 from Texas Communications for the installation and repeater equipment for the new tender.**

    Lloyd Scasta made a motion to approve quote 318093 for TX Communications for the installation of the equipment for the new tender. Scott Fraley seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

16. **Discuss and consider authorizing the Vice President to sign the First Due contract amendment.**

    Lloyd Scasta made a motion to authorize the Vice President to sign the First Due contract

amendment. Scott Fraley seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

17. **Discuss and consider authorizing the Vice President to sign the executive promissory note and security agreement with government capital for the new engine. The agreement was previously approved, and the signature page was not signed.**

    Larry West made a motion to authorize the Vice President to sign the executed promissory note and security agreement with Government Capital for the new engine. Scott Fraley seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

18. **Conduct the Fire Chief's annual performance review and take any action necessary.**

    The Board went into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074 at 7:54 PM. The Board reconvened from executive session at approximately 8:51 PM. No action was taken in executive session.

    Larry West made a motion to approve a 3% pay increase for Chief Mills and a reevaluation of vacation (PTO) in January. Lloyd Scasta seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

19. **Adjourn.** Lloyd Scasta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scoot Fraley seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

    Mr. Hering adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m. The next meeting will be held September 21, 2026 at the Kurten Church at 6:30 pm.