

Minutes of ESD #2 Meeting August 20, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER @ 6:31pm**
2. **QUORUM:** Shane Johnson, Kathy McCaffrey, Berk Parsons, Sarah Cunningham, Katy Brashears
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
4. **REPORTS:**
 - .1 **MINUTES** of previous meeting read by S. Johnson. Motion to accept as read – B. Parsons – 2nd – S. Johnson All in Favor
 - .2 **FINANCIAL:** Current balance **\$63,531.³⁷/₁₀₀** All checks clear. Motion to accept report – K. Brashears 2nd – B. Parsons All in favor
 - .3 **VFD REPORTS** – Sacul still out.
 - .4 **PREVIOUS BUSINESS** – None.
5. **DISCUSSION/ACTION** – Linn Flat tanker sale. Bobby Brashears is listing the tanker for auction with Lone Star Auction Service.
6. **DISCUSSION/ACTION** - Status of grants: Still pending, no news.
7. **DISCUSSION/ACTION** - Propose tax rate – We will need records of expenses for 2023 for all VFD's and disbursements to VFD's from the ESB to be able to demonstrate the need for an increase in tax monies. Also need to project future operating costs including the new radio service and equipment, and also for educational material for the public. Proposal, including wording for the ballot, must be ready to submit by Feb. 14, 2025. There will be a charge of circa \$2000 in order to have a space on the ballot.
8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION** - The rate we will propose at the special meeting will be **.03 cents/\$100 valuation** for fiscal year 2025. Motion to approve – S. Johnson 2nd – B. Parsons All in favor

OPEN FORUM:

- No items.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- .5 **DISCUSSION/ACTION** – Update on status of tanker auction – B. Brashears
- .6 **DISCUSSION/ACTION** – Status of grant applications
- .7 **DISCUSSION/ACTION** – Tax rate proposal status.

Next regularly Scheduled Meeting - **Tuesday, September 17, 2024 – 6:30PM**

Motion to adjourn – K. Brashears 2nd – S. Cunningham All in favor

ADJOURNED: 7:11 PM