

THE STATE OF TEXAS

X KENEDY COUNTY FIRE &

COUNTY OF KENEDY

X EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., a Regular Meeting and Public Hearings of the Kenedy County Fire & Emergency Services District No. 1 were held at the Kenedy County Fire & Emergency Services District #1 Fire Station, 350 N. Mallory Street, Sarita, Texas.

**Commissioners Present:**

William Dieterle

Robert Alegria

Melinda Vela

**Also Present:**

Jose E. Mendieta, Fire Chief

Ruben Hernandez

**Absent:**

Lonnie Allen Brown

Lorraine Burns

Leo Villarreal

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

William Dieterle, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Public Comments**

No public comments were made.

**3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of August 15, 2022 Regular Meeting**

William Dieterle, Chairman, presented the Fire Commissioners' Minutes of the regular Fire Commissioners' meeting of August 15, 2022.

Commissioner Melinda Vela moved and Commissioner Robert Alegria seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the regular Fire Commissioners' meeting of August 15, 2022 be accepted as presented.

**4. Discuss & Act on the Fire Chief's Report**

**a. Training Drills**

**b. Meetings and Projects**

**c. Fire/Emergency Incidents Handled in August 2022**

Jose E. Mendieta, Fire Chief, presented his Fire Chief's report to the Fire Commissioners. He reported the following:

Training:

08/02/2022 Washed and cleaned trucks  
08/16/2022 Cleaned the station before food bank  
08/22/2022 Kenedy County Food Bank

Meetings/Projects:

Burn ban lifted

Attended the PBR bull riding at King Ranch. The Ranch said they would be making a donation to the department

Grant for equipment repairs due October 1, 2022, for \$15,000 from the Forest Service. Due to high call volume and drought in March.

The company working on the roads in Sarita have almost finished

Help with Food Bank on August 22, 2022

Fire Calls for July

Vehicle Accidents	1
Vehicle Fires	0
Grass Fires	5
Others	0
Structure Fires	0
Medical Assistance	0
TOTAL CALLS:	6

EMS Calls July

Norias	0
Armstrong	2
Sarita	10
TOTAL CALLS:	12

Sick calls	12
Traffic Accidents	0

Commissioner Robert Alegria moved and Commissioner Melinda Vela seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Fire Chief's report be accepted as presented.

5. **Discuss & Act on Command Officer Standby Compensation for August 2022**

Jose E. Mendieta, Fire Chief, informed the Fire Commissioners that Ruben Hernandez was entitled to receive \$50.00 compensation for standby/response coverage plus \$75.00 which were not paid last month for a total of \$125.00; and that Gilbert Gonzalez was entitled to receive \$37.50 compensation for standby/response coverage.

Commissioner Melinda Vela moved and Commissioner Robert Alegria seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Ruben Hernandez be paid \$125.00 and Gilbert Gonzalez be paid \$37.50.

6. **Conduct Public Hearing on Proposed 2023 Budget**

William Dieterle called the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2023 Budget to order at 6:50 p.m.

No members of the public commented; therefore, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:52 p.m.

7. **Discuss & Act on Adopting 2023 Budget**

William Dieterle informed the Fire Commissioners of the need to adopt the 2023 Budget.

Commissioner Robert Alegria moved and Commissioner Melinda Vela seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the 2023 Budget in the amount of \$767,442.00 be adopted as presented.

8. **Conduct Public Hearing on Proposed 2022 Tax Rate**

William Dieterle called the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2022 Tax Rate to order at 6:54 p.m.

No members of the public commented; therefore, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:56 p.m.

9. **Discuss & Act on Adopting the 2022 Tax Rate**

William Dieterle, President, presented the Fire Commissioners the proposed 2022 Tax Rate in the amount of \$.052916/\$100 valuation.

Commissioner Melinda Vela moved and Commissioner Robert Alegria seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the 2022 Tax Rate of \$.052916/\$100 valuation be adopted as presented.

10. **Discuss & Act on Date to Certify Tax Roll and Date for Next Regular Board Meeting**

William Dieterle, Chairman, informed the Fire Commissioners that a date needed to be designated to certify the tax roll and for the next meeting.

Commissioner Melinda Vela moved and Commissioner Robert Alegria seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to hold the District's meeting to certify the tax roll on September 28, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. and the District's next regular meeting on October 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.



11. **Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills; Receive Report on Tax Revenue Received; and Receive Report on Bank Balance as of August 31, 2022**

William Dieterle, Chairman, presented the bills for the month ending August 31, 2022, to the Fire Commissioners and informed the Fire Commissioners that the bills should be considered for payment.

Commissioner Melinda Vela moved and Commissioner Robert Alegria seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the bills be paid as presented.

12. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, Commissioner Melinda Vela moved and Commissioner Robert Alegria seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Fire District's Commissioners' meeting be adjourned at 7:07 o'clock p.m.

  
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William Dieterle, Chairman

ATTESTED TO:

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Lorraine Burns, Secretary