

Bastrop County Emergency Services District No. 2

Special Meeting

Aug 8, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Bastrop County ESD#2 Station 4; 1432 N. State Highway 95; Bastrop, Texas

FINAL MINUTES

OPENING

1. The meeting was called to order by President George Martinez at 7:00 p.m.
Those present included: President George Martinez, Vice President Tommy Chalmers, Assistant Treasurer Peter Hicks, Chief Josh Gill and Secretary Doug Kelsay. Treasurer Tracy Waldron was not present.
Also in attendance were Office Manager Lisa Eller, Battalion Chief Greg Monroe, Lt Nick Laux, and Firefighters Erick Johns, Lane Otto, Nick Jones, and Lawrence Kana.
2. Peter Hicks provided the invocation.
3. Both Pledges of Allegiance were recited.
4. George Martinez provided a Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items. On behalf of the board, he recognized and thanked all the people that worked so hard during the “Powderkeg” fire the past week.
5. There were no Public Comments on Agenda Items.

POLICY DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

6. Consider taking action regarding 2023-24 budget;
The budget discussion is scheduled for the 22 Aug meeting so that topic was tabled.
7. Discuss and consider taking action regarding 2023 tax rate, including:
 - a. establishing proposed tax rate;
Chief Gill proposed several options of a budget that ranged from 0.085 (max rate not triggering a petition) to a 0.096 Property Tax Rate (the “de minimus” rate) After much discussion and general disagreement, Peter Hicks moved to adopt a proposed Property Tax Rate of \$0.088 / \$100 assessed valuation.
George seconded
Motion passed. George Martinez, Peter Hicks and Doug Kelsay for, Tommy Chalmers against. Tracey Waldron was not present.
 - b. taking record vote and scheduling public hearing;
The taking of the record vote being noted (above – a) Doug Kelsay moved to schedule the public hearing on Aug 22 at the beginning of the Regular Meeting.
Peter Hicks seconded
The motion passed
 - c. authorizing expense and publication of “Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase” in the Newspaper; and

Peter Moved to authorize expense and publication of "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" in the Newspaper

Doug Kelsay seconded

The motion passed.

- d. acknowledging and approving posting of "Notice About 2023 Tax Rates" and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" to home page of District website

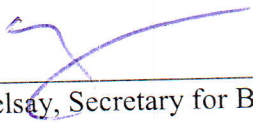
Peter Hicks moved to acknowledge and approve posting of "Notice About 2023 Tax Rates" and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" to home page of District website

George Martinez seconded

The motion passed

- 9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM



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Doug Kelsay, Secretary for Bastrop County Emergency Services District No. 2