

MEETING MINUTES

Board of Emergency Services Commissioners

Carson County Emergency Services District No. 2

February 19, 2026

Attendees: Commissioner Dale Brooks, Commissioner Marvin Kramer, Commissioner Cuyler McAnally, Commissioner Kelvin Ollinger

Also present: Valarie Ball, Brad Britten (WDVFD), Nelson Britten (WDVFD), Jacob Clifton (SKVFD), Michael Griffith (SKVFD), Vance Griffith (SKVFD), John Homer, Brady Miller (GVFD), Ginna Miller McCarty (GVFD), Mason Miller (GVFD) (online), Jim Scott (SKVFD), Brent Stephens, B. Wilson (SKVFD) and Erik Winters. Two additional attendees whose names were illegible.

Not Present:

1. Call to Order
 - Commissioner McAnally called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Citizens' Concerns
 - John Homer requested clarification as to the role of the ESD. It was his understanding that the ESD was intended to allow departments to keep their autonomy, not for the ESD to be in control of the departments. Legal representation responded that the ESD is currently contracting with each department and is not controlling the three departments as one ESD entity, however, the ESD does have the legal right to be set up that way. Brady Miller responded that the ESD was sold to the citizens as a pass through ESD, meaning the ESD would collect the funds and then allocate those funds to each department while letting each department maintain their own identities. Commissioner McAnally also mentioned that equipment bought with ESD funds is owned by the ESD.
3. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting made by Commissioner Brooks.
 - Seconded by Commissioner Kramer.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - Commissioner Kramer reported on account balance, expenditures and deposits made since the last meeting.
 - Motion to approve paying two invoices from the legal counsel and one invoice from Tri County Publications made by Commissioner Kramer.
 - Seconded by Commissioner Ollinger.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion to pay Q2 payments to GVFD and SKVFD, and to hold off paying WDVFD until their future is determined, made by Commissioner Brooks.
 - Seconded by Commissioner Ollinger.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
5. Report of Service Providers in District Territory
 - Jacob Clifton, Chief of Skellytown Volunteer Fire Department (SKVFD) reported on behalf of SKVFD. He reported that they had 14 requests for service in

January. Their chute time was 2 minutes and 22 seconds, response time was 9 minutes and 37 seconds and they're averaging 14 members per call from a 33-member roster. He also mentioned that they responded to the 8 Ball Fire and the Lavender Fire. Their fleet is in-service and gave an update on financials.

- Brady Miller, Captain of Groom Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) reported on behalf of GVFD. He reported that they have had a total call volume of 22 calls year-to-date, with 11 calls in the current period. He updated on financials, training and apparatus which are all in-service except for the three apparatus currently being built and Unit 2 which was totaled. He updated on the incident that totaled Unit 2.
- Brad Britten, Assistant Chief of White Deer Volunteer Fire Department (WDVFD) reported on behalf of WDVFD. He reported that WDVFD responded to 9 requests for service. The new reporting software could not populate response times yet at the time of the meeting. He also reported that they had routine community engagement and mentioned some upcoming fire prevention activities coming up. He noted that they began using action training systems in January. Additionally, he reported that Brush 108 was in the shop after the last ESD meeting but is now back in-service along with the rest of their fleet and gave an update on their financials.

6. Action Items

- .1. Fy 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Report – Commissioner McAnally reported on the total amount collected as of current as well as mentioned that 84.35% has been collected.
- .2. Review, Discussion and Action Regarding the Adoption of the District's 2026 Investment Policy, and the Appointment of Investment Officer – Commission McAnally brought up investing some of the ESD funds in an investment pool. Legal counsel added that an ESD cannot have excess of \$250,000 sitting in a bank account and recommended putting a substantial amount of ESD funds into one of two investment pools, Texas CLASS or TexPool. Discussion was had surrounding how this would work and the limitations of this. It was questioned whether the funds could be earmarked and if funds from each department could be given to the ESD to invest on their behalf. Legal counsel recommended very disciplined accounting so that there are no disputes. Legal counsel also advised that the ESD can't open multiple different accounts.
 - Motion to approve using Texas CLASS as the ESD No. 2 investment company starting with \$1,000 in the account and Commissioner Kramer being the Investment Officer made by Commissioner Brooks.
 - Seconded by Commissioner Ollinger.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- .3. Review, Discussion and Action Regarding the Engagement of an Auditor to Complete the District's 2025 Audit – Commissioner McAnally noted that an audit was not needed for FY 2025 and requested proposals to get somebody lined up for FY 2026.
- .4. Review, Discussion and Action Regarding District Automatic Aid Agreements – Commissioner McAnally reported on what was learned at the SAFE-D Conference regarding automatic aid and requested department opinions on the topic. Chief Clifton noted that the automatic aid agreement that SKVFD has had with WDVFD since 2021 helped their

ISO rating. It was decided that further discussion would be had during the Strategic Planning Workshop.

- .5. Review, Discussion and Action Regarding Communication Infrastructure Upgrades – Commissioner McAnally asked what the district can do to help with the communication infrastructure issues. This is a topic that is going to continue to be discussed as there is no immediate solution.
- .6. Review, Discussion and Action Regarding a Strategic Planning Workshop for District Fire Chiefs and Chief Officers – Commissioner McAnally requested a Strategic Planning Workshop be set.
 - Motion to set the Strategic Planning Workshop for March 15, 2026, at 2 PM at the City of White Deer Community Center made by Commissioner Brooks.
 - Seconded by Commissioner Ollinger.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- .7. Review, Discussion and Action to Confirm the Date for Future Meetings Including the Next Regular District Meeting, and to Discuss Agenda Items Needed for those meetings – Next meeting is March 17 at 6 PM. at the WDVFD Fire Station.
 - Motion to approve made by Commissioner Kramer.
 - Seconded by Commissioner Brooks.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- .8. To Meet in Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code §551.071 to Consult with Legal Counsel – The Commissioners had no questions and did not go into Closed Session.
- .9. To Meet in Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code §551.072 to Deliberate Regarding Real Estate Matters – The Commissioners had no questions and did not go into Closed Session.

7. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM made by Commissioner Brooks.
 - Seconded by Commissioner Kramer.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
 - Next meeting: March 17, 2026, at 6:00 PM at WDVFD.
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