

MINUTES OF MEETING

Gregg County Emergency Services District No.2
Regular Meeting Minutes
6:30 PM
July 7, 2015
736 Wilkins Rd.
Gladewater, Texas 75647
Sabine VFD

Greg Colquitt called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

Those present were:

Mike Clements
Clyde Willoughby
Daniel Patterson

Also present were Richard Sisk, Chief, Sabine VFD, Wayne Burgess, Vice President, Sabine VFD Board of Directors, and Rick Faulkner, Attorney for GCESD No. 2.

A MOTION was made by Willoughby and seconded by Patterson to approve the Minutes of the June 2015 Board of Emergency Services District Commissioner's meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Clements and seconded by Willoughby to approve the Agreement for Services with the Sabine VFD. The motion passed unanimously.

The commissioners discussed the Sabine VFD budget for FY 2015-2016 and associated tax issues. Colquitt requested that Chief Sisk explain where the volunteer fire departments would be allocated and what the growth plan or a road map for the future. Chief Sisk presented the Sabine VFD Fire Year Plan. Chief Sisk reported that his proposed budget was based on 100% coming from tax dollars and none from fundraising events and contributions. Chief Sisk noted that they would be losing \$15,000.00 in funds from Gregg County. With respect to payroll expense, Chief Sisk reported that he expected to hire two personnel for work at the station. One would be him as the Chief and the other would be a paid volunteer firefighter working a 10 to 12 hour shift and perhaps a part-time bookkeeper. Chief Sisk reported that he wanted 100% of the volunteers to be on a volunteer response program at some point. The firefighters would be paid per call made by the firefighter at a rate based on the firefighters experience level plus meeting goals for attendance at meetings and training. Chief Sisk reported that he expected an increase in EMS calls if the fire department was staffed with personnel on a full time basis. Colquitt indicated that a vote would be made on the fire department budget at the next meeting.

There was a general discussion of the budget for GCESD No. 2 and related tax issues. The board will adopt a proposed tax rate at the next meeting and will schedule public hearings following that adoption for the month of August. The board expects to vote on a final tax rate and budget at the September meeting.

The board considered adoption of the Interlocal Agreement for Tax Collection Services offered by Kirk Shields, the Gregg County Tax Assessor-Collector. There was a general discussion of the agreement. A MOTION was made by Willoughby and seconded by Patterson to accept the proposed Interlocal Agreement for Tax Collection Services. The motion was approved unanimously.

Colquitt announced that Gina Dehoyos had been nominated and approved to serve on the GCESD No. 2 Board of Commissioners. He hoped that she would be sworn in and be in attendance for the August 2015 meeting.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

G. G. H. P. C.
_____, Secretary