



Bandera, Uvalde, Medina, and Real County – Utopia/Vanderpool Area Emergency Services District No.1

Minutes of February 20, 2020 Regular Meeting

**Meeting Location: Utopia Volunteer Fire Department,
485 Main Street, Utopia, (Uvalde County), Texas. 78884.**

Commissioners attending: Al Buckner, Bill Cockerill, Karen Heideman

Commissioners not attending: Chad Hillis, Josef Richarz

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by **Buckner** and a quorum was established at 7:05 p.m.

2. **Invocation:** The invocation was given by **Cockerill**.

3. **Citizens communications:** None.

4. **Departmental reports:**

Utopia Volunteer Fire – No report.

Vanderpool Volunteer Fire – **Buckner** reported that the department got new tires and rims for the Humvee. A cleanup was slated at the station in advance of primary voting.

Utopia EMS – **Cockerill** reported that the EMS class will begin March 17 and run through June 4. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Saturdays. The community auction benefiting the Utopia EMS, Utopia Volunteer Fire and the Park Board will be held April 4. A rummage sale will be held the evening before the auction. The EMS will sever ties with its existing billing company and contract with Emergicom. The Mill Creek Bridge did not pass inspection. It is expected to be closed for repairs in September and repairs are expected to take eight months. Alternative route is expected for emergency vehicles on FM 337. A new AID trainer will be purchased with state funds.

Al Buckner – *President* ♦ **Chad Hillis** – *Vice President* ♦ **Karen Heideman** – *Treasurer*
Bill Cockerill – *Secretary* ♦ **Josef Richarz** – *Asst. Treasurer*
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5. Minutes of previous ESD Board of Directors meeting, corrections and approval:

Cockerill made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by *Heideman*. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's report and approval to pay ESD bills: *Heideman* reported that tax collections are going well. She said another \$30,000 to \$40,000 is expected to be deposited shortly from Bandera County. *Heideman* noted that the chief appraiser of the Bandera County Appraisal District had resigned. *Cockerill* made a motion to approve treasurer's report and pay bills. Seconded by *Heideman*. Motion passed. Report is attached.

7. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Signed: _____
Bill Cockerill, Secretary

Approval Date: _____

Signed: _____
Board President or Vice President

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