



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

Minutes of September 21, 2023 Regular Meeting

Meeting location: Utopia Volunteer Fire Department

485 Main St, Utopia, Uvalde County, Texas 78884

Commissioners attending: Karen Heideman, Zach Barfield and Clayton Howard. Al Buckner and Josef Richarz were absent.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM.
2. Moment of silence was given.
3. There were no citizens communication.
4. Departmental reports:
 - a. Utopia Fire and Ems doing a Ham Radio Operator class.
5. Karen Heideman made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting and Clayton Howard seconded. Motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Zach Barfield and seconded by Clayton Howard to accept the budget report and approve to pay ESD bills. Motion carried.
7. A motion was made by Karen Heideman and seconded by Clayton Howard to disburse the remainder of and the additional funds brought in to the service providers in the amounts of Utopia EMS-\$12,500
Utopia VFD-\$7,500
Vanderpool VFD-\$5,000
Motion carried.
8. A motion was made by Zach Barfield and seconded by Clayton Howard to approve the 2022-2023 Budget Amendments. Motion carried.
9. A motion was made by Zach Barfield and seconded by Clayton Howard to adopt the budget for the fiscal year Oct. 1, 2023 to Sep. 30, 2024 as presented. Motion carried.
10. A motion was made by Karen Heideman and seconded by Clayton Howard to adopt the 2024 tax rate at .075545 which is same as last years. Karen Heideman-yes, Clayton Howard-yes, Zach Barfield-yes. Motion carried. Al Buckner and Josef Richarz were absent.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 AM..

Signed: _____ Approval Date _____
Al Buckner, President

Signed _____
Treasurer

Al Buckner – President ♦ Chad Hillis – Vice-President ♦ Karen Heideman – Treasurer
Zach Barfield-Commissioner ♦ Josef Richarz – Asst. Treasurer
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