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

Minutes of September 18, 2025 Regular Meeting
Meeting location: Utopia Volunteer Fire Department
485 Main St, Utopia, Uvalde County, Texas 78884

Commissioners attending: Al Buckner, Karen Heideman, Nick Pope, Zach Barfield and Clayton Howard.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:25 AM.
2. Nick Pope gave an invocation.
3. There were no citizen's communications.
4. There were short reports given from the Utopia Vol. EMS, Utopia VFD and Vanderpool VFD.
5. Karen Heideman made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting and Nick Pope seconded. Motion carried 5-0
6. Zach Barfield made a motion to accept the monthly investment report and to pay the ESD bills. Nick Pope seconded. Motion carried 5-0
7. Karen Heideman made a motion to disburse the remainder of the funds to the service provider. Nick Pope seconded. Motion carried 5-0
8. Nick Pope made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 budget amendments. Zach Barfield seconded. Motion carried 5-0
9. Karen Heideman made a motion to adopt the budget for the fiscal year Oct. 1 2025 to September 30, 2026. Zach Barfield seconded. Motion carried 5-0
10. Karen Heideman made a motion to adopt the District 2025 tax rate at $.071199. Nick Pope seconded. Motion carried by vote 5-0

    Clayton Howard – Yes, Nick Pope – Yes, Zach Barfield – Yes, Al Buckner – Yes

    Karen Heideman – Yes
11. Discussed service provider contracts.
12. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Minutes Taken By: _____ **Minutes Approved Date:** _____

Signed:_____ **Signed**_____
President/Vice-President **Secretary/Treasurer**