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

MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Utopia/Vanderpool Area ESD #1 will be held, on the following date and time at the Utopia Volunteer Fire Department, 485 Main Street, Utopia (Uvalde County), Texas. The following items will be discussed and possible action taken.

The District reserves the right to recess from an Open Meeting to a Closed Meeting under any applicable provision of State Law, on any agenda item, as appropriate.

**Agenda for Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2026 @ 8:00 A.M.**

- 1. Call to order and establish quorum;**
- 2. Invocation;**
- 3. Citizen's communications;**
- 4. Departmental reports;**
- 5. Discuss and Approve Minutes of July 16, 2026 and August 4, 2026 board meetings;**
- 6. Discuss and Approve Monthly/Quarterly Investment Report and pay ESD bills;**
- 7. Take action to adopt budget for fiscal year October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027 (budget must be adopted before tax rate)**
- 8. Take a record vote on the District's 2026 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, authorize filing the Order with the Bandera, Uvalde, Medina, and Real County Tax Assessor/Collector; and**
- 9. Authorize posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District website;**
- 10. Adjourn.**

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Zach Barfield- Secretary

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TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

2025 Median Value of Homestead: \$232,264.39 Average. Median Not Available

2026 Median Value of Homestead: \$244,833.91 Average. Median Not available.

	District Tax Rate		Homestead Owner Tax Bill
Actual for 2025:	<u>\$0.071199</u>	per \$100 AV	<u>\$165.37</u>
Proposed for 2026:	<u>\$ 0.100000</u>	per \$100 AV	<u>\$244.83</u>
No New Revenue Rate for 2026:	<u>\$0.062262</u>	per \$100 AV	<u>\$152.44</u>
Difference between Proposed Tax Rate and No-New-Revenue Tax Rate:	<u>\$0.037738</u>	per \$100 AV	<u>\$92.40</u>

Utopia/Vanderpool ESD Area Emergency Services District 1 in Bandera, Uvalde, Real and Medina Counties is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please visit <http://www.uvesd1.org> or call Karen Heidem, Treasurer for Utopia/Vanderpool Area Emergency Services District #1, at 830-591-3121 for information. Hearing impaired or speech disabled persons equipped with telecommunications devices for the deaf may utilize the statewide Relay Texas Program by dialing 7-1-1 or 1-800-735-2988.

The Board may retire to Executive Session any time between the meeting's opening and adjournment for any purpose authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, including but not limited to: consultation with legal counsel (section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code); personnel matters (Section 551:074); discussion of the real estate acquisition (Section 551:072); discussion regarding a prospective gift to the District (Section 551:073); and /or deliberation regarding security devices or security audits (sections 551:076 and 551:089). Action, if any, will be taken in open sessions.

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