



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

Minutes of April 16, 2026 Regular Meeting
Meeting location: Utopia Volunteer Fire Department
485 Main St, Utopia, Uvalde County, Texas 78884

Commissioners attending: Al Buckner, Karen Heideman, Zach Barfield, James Meyer and Nick Pope.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.
2. Nick Pope gave an invocation
3. There were no citizen's communications.
4. There were short reports from the Utopia VEMS, Utopia VFD and Vanderpool VFD.

Utopia VFD – Discussion of upcoming high angle training; presented VVFD pricing of truck of around \$90k and the amount that would go towards UVFD's new truck. Board also discussed the approximate amount of \$32k raised by the Community auction and distributing the funds three ways.

Utopia VEMS – Review and discussion of rewriting Utopia VEMS' bylaws.

Vanderpool VFD – Received and reviewed price of truck from UVFD; approved purchase AS IS if possible, of truck. Also discussed researching if able to obtain a grant from the forest service to assist in the cost of purchase.

5. Nick Pope made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting and James Meyer seconded. Motion carried 5-0
6. Discussed monthly investment report and paying the ESD bills. Zach Barfield made a motion to approve investment report and pay the ESD bills. Nick Pope seconded. Motion carried 5-0
7. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 AM.

Minutes Taken By: _____ Minutes Approved Date: _____

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