

San Jacinto County Emergency Services District No 2
81 Waterwood
Huntsville TX 77320
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2026

Call to order – At 5:00 PM, Commissioner Murphey called the meeting to order.

Commissioners present: Lisa Hayman, Mickey Culpepper, Marie "Ree-C" Murphey and Alex Chrestopoulos were present. Patrick Marshall was absent.

Other San Jacinto County Emergency Services District No. 2 (the "District") consultants in attendance: Brooke Mounce, the District's Administrative Assistant. Regina D. Adams of Radcliffe Adams Barner PLLC ("RAB" or the "District's Attorney") attended via video conference.

Representatives from Waterwood Fire & Rescue ("WFR") in attendance:

WFR Chief, Ed Kyle.

WFR Assistant Chief, Carole Magee.

WFR Treasurer, David Ellis.

Representatives from Waterwood Improvement Association ("WIA") in attendance:

WIA Board members, James Schwebach and Phyllis Levallais.

Community Members in attendance:

Patricia Zappa.

Pledge of Allegiance, Texas Pledge and Opening Prayer:

The pledge of allegiance and Texas pledge were recited, the opening prayer was given by Commissioner Hayman, and guests were welcomed.

Public Comments:

Ms. Zappa requested an update regarding the District's receipt of the voluntary donations from Waterwood Municipal Utility District ("Waterwood MUD"). Commissioner Murphey noted that the matter would be addressed later in the meeting.

President's Remarks:

Commissioner Murphey updated the Board regarding the status of WFR obtaining the fire truck via the Texas Forest Service grant and her communications related to same.

Reports from WFR:

WFR submitted its monthly run report, noting there were nine (9) runs in July.

Minutes of Prior Meeting:

A motion was made by Commissioner Culpepper, seconded by Commissioner Hayman, to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2026 Board meeting. Motion carried.

Review, discuss & take action regarding the Treasurer's Report and pay bills:

After a review of the various invoices presented for payment, a motion was made by Commissioner Culpepper, seconded by Commissioner Murphey, to make the following payments:

Brooke Mounce- \$800.00
Allegiance- \$8,021.08
SHECO- \$204.90
Waterwood MUD 1- \$76.00
RAB- \$1,013.30
SJC Tax Office- \$1,125.00
SJC Appraisal District- \$1,039.94
WFR- \$3,106.68
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culpepper, seconded by Commissioner Murphey, to pay \$2,000.00 to WIA for the lease payment. Commissioner Hayman abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chrestopoulos, seconded by Commissioner Culpepper to request the amendment of the contract between the District and WIA to change the \$2,000.00 per month lease payment to \$1.00 per year. Motion carried. Commissioner Hayman abstained.

A brief discussion occurred regarding the structure of the Station lease with WFR and potential amendments to same and whether or not those were feasible.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culpepper, seconded by Commissioner Murphey, to authorize payment of the following month's SHECO bill one month in advance of receipt of said bill to avoid the potential for late payments in the future.

The Commissioners then reviewed the update on ad valorem tax payments received by the District.

Review, discuss, and take action regarding authorizing District's Legal Counsel to write an official response regarding Waterwood MUD donations:

It was noted that this matter would be discussed in Executive Session later in the meeting.

Review, discuss, and take action regarding the purchase of two-way radios (the "Radios") for use by WFR in the name of the District:

Commissioner Murphey noted that San Jacinto County Emergency Services District ("SJCESD") had offered to loan the District up to three (3) Radios for use by WFR as long as the District would pay SJCESD for the bandwidth costs of up to \$80 per month for each Radio. A motion was made by Commissioner Murphey, seconded by Commissioner Culpepper, to accept the loaner Radios from SJCESD and authorize creation of a sub-account to pay the bandwidth charges, as discussed. Motion carried. Commissioner Chrestopoulos abstained.

Review certified 2026 taxable values and discuss 2026 Truth in Taxation information:

Ms. Adams then reviewed with the Board the 2026 certified taxable values, as provided by San Jacinto County Appraisal District and then reviewed the required 2026 tax rate worksheet prepared by San Jacinto Tax Assessor/Collector.

Propose 2026 Tax Rate and authorize publication of small taxing unit notice of same:

A motion was made by Commissioner Murphey, seconded by Commissioner Culpepper, to propose a total tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 assessed valuation, consisting solely of operations and maintenance taxes, set the date of the meeting for adoption of the 2026 tax rate for September 8, 2026 at 5:00PM and authorize publication of the small taxing unit notice in *San Jacinto News-Times*. All Commissioners present voted for the motion. Motion carried.

Review, discuss, and take action regarding authorizing District's Legal Counsel to write an official response regarding Waterwood MUD donations

Executive Session:

Commissioner Murphey convened the Board in Executive Session at 5:45 PM to discuss matters of attorney-client privilege with Ms. Adams, pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code. The persons present during the Executive Session were: Commissioners Murphey, Hayman, Chrestopoulos and Culpepper; and Ms. Mounce and Ms. Adams.

Reconvene in Open Session:

All meeting attendees still present re-entered the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Commissioner Chrestopoulos exited the meeting at approximately 6:00 PM.

Commissioner Murphey then reconvened the meeting in open session at approximately 6:00 p.m.

The Board requested that Ms. Adams verbally address Ms. Zappa's allegations. Ms. Adams then reviewed Ms. Zappa's allegations and the inapplicability of the statutory references made by Ms. Zappa and then corrected the record with the applicable Texas Constitutional and Statutory references that applied to the District and its ability to be a recipient of the Waterwood MUD voluntary contributions.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Murphey, seconded by Commissioner Culpepper, to authorize the District's legal counsel to prepare a response letter on behalf of the Board to Ms. Zappa regarding her allegations related to the Waterwood MUD voluntary contributions. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hayman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Murphey. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:04 PM.

Prepared by:
Brooke Mounce
SJC ESD 2 Administrator

