

MEETING MINUTES

REAL COUNTY ESD #1 for AUGUST 20, 2024

1. **Meeting called to order** at 5:30 PM at 474 West Ranch Road 337, Leakey Texas 78873. Quorum was present with all Commissioner's present.

2. **Citizen's Comments**

Mr. Michael Learner spoke to the lack of a digital presence of the district online. Also, he spoke about the District's possible tax rate.

3. **Approval of Minutes** for June 18th and July 16th meetings. Agenda incorrectly had June 18th minutes needing approval instead of July 2nd. No action taken on June 18th minutes or July 2nd minutes.

Minutes for the July 16th meeting were approved 5-0. Motion by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Roel Gonzalez.

4. **Treasurer's Bond** – No Action taken.

5. **District start-up costs** – No action taken.

6. **Adoption of the FY25 District Budget.** A proposed FY25 District budget was introduced. This budget is based on projected tax collection revenues submitted by the Real Central Appraisal District and the Real County Tax Assessor-Collector and at a rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of property valuation.

Discussion ensued regarding administrative, appraisal and loan repayment costs of operating the District and possible funding to Frio Canyon EMS and Leakey VFD.

Commissioner Adair motioned and Commissioner Gray seconded to approve the Proposed Budget. Motion carried 5-0

7. **Discussions, Considerations and Actions on approval of a 2025 tax rate and notices of publication thereof.**

a. Tax Rate – Discussion was held and information shared regarding the critical staffing shortages affecting the Frio Canyon EMS and the Leakey Volunteer Fire Department and the effects of those shortages would have on service to the Community.

Commissioner Freeman motioned to adopt a rate of 10 cents/\$100 property valuation. Commissioner Adair seconded.

A roll call vote ensued. An Aye vote supports the motion. Nay does not. The roll call was as follows:

Commissioner Reagor – Aye

Commissioner Gray – Aye

Commissioner Adair – Aye

Commissioner Gomzalez – Aye

Commissioner Freeman – Aye

b. Authorization for expense and publication of the “Simplified Taxing Unit Notice” in the *Uvalde Leader News* newspaper. Commissioner Reagor motioned to do the publication; Commissioner Adair seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Acknowledging and approval of the posting of the “Simplified Taxing Unit Notice” on the District website. Commissioner Gonzalez motioned for the posting, Commissioner Freeman Seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

8. *Contract Discussions on Administrative and Emergency Services.* No action taken.

9. *Establishing District Depository accounts* – No Action taken.

10. *Consider next meeting date.* Next regularly scheduled date is September 17th, 2024.

11. *Adjournment* Commissioner Gonzales motioned to adjourn; Commissioner Freeman seconded. Motioned carried 5-0.

