DELTA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1

MINUTES of Regular Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

4:30 P.M. - Court House, ESD Office

Members Present: **Allen Beeler, Jeter Cherry, Ron Thurman, Bill Choate and Jacob Vaughn**
Members Absent: **None**
Audience: **Martha Randle, Mike Ward, and Tanner Crutcher**

1. Called to Order by President, Allen Beeler, at 4:30 PM, CST, followed by Roll Call, with a quorum being established.

2. In attendance was Auditor Mike Ward, CPA, who presented the Audit and Annual Financial Report of the Delta County Emergency Services District #1 for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2025. Mr. Ward provided each board member with a copy of the said report and upon the presentation of the report he asked for any discussion or questions. Following the discussion and question session a motion was made by Jeter Cherry to accept the report as presented. Motion was seconded by Ron Thurman and motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Board expressed their thanks for the audit and at this point Mr. Ward left the meeting.

3. Tanner Crutcher, Fire Chief for Cooper Volunteer Fire Department, joined the meeting at this time to discuss requests from Cooper Volunteer Fire Department for temporary funding assistance and possible additional funding match and overage cost in connection with grants recently awarded as follows:

   - Texas Forest Service (HB 2604) Grant Program administered by the Texas A&M Forest Service for purchasing fire equipment. Grant is a reimbursement grant where department must first purchase then submit proof of purchase before reimbursement is issued.
   - SFFMA under the FEMA Safer Grant Program for reimbursement of a portion of cost of bunker gear for three newly recruited volunteer firefighters. Upon completion of physical, recruits become eligible for reimbursement of initial set of bunker gear. Grant reimbursement, due to federal funding timelines, is not anticipated until December, 2026.

   Mr. Cruther explained these grants and requests thoroughly and fielded questions that followed. Thorough discussion of these requests for temporary funding assistance, additional request for funding of the required Fire Department matching fund, and additional overage cost needed ensued. Following this discussion a motion was made by Bill Choate and second by Jacob Vaughn that the Delta County Emergency Services District #1 assist Cooper Volunteer Fire Department in meeting their immediate financial need to allow them to be able to accept the following two grants:

   - Texas Forest Service (HB 2604) Grant awarded them for fire service equipment purchase with motion including DCESD#1 providing temporary funds until grant reimbursement is received to purchase said fire service equipment along with DCESD#1 providing needed funds for department match and additional overage required from Cooper Volunteer Fire Department
   - SFFMA under the FEMA Safer Grant Program awarded them for cost of a portion of bunker gear for three newly recruited volunteer firefighters with motion including DCESD#1 providing temporary funds until grant reimbursement is received to purchase said bunker gear along with DCESD#1 providing needed funds for additional overage above grant amount required from Cooper Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion carried with a 5-0 vote and Resolution 26-2 and Resolution 26-3 were presented in affirmation of this vote and copy of Resolution 26-2 and Resolution 26-3 with details are made a part of these minutes.

At this point, Mr. Crutcher left the meeting.

4. Minutes of March 24, 2026 Regular Monthly Meeting were reviewed and upon motion made by Jeter Cherry and second by Bill Choate, a motion carried with a 5-0 vote to approve said minutes.

5. The following Monthly Activity Reports were reviewed, discussed, and accepted:
   - Emergency Medical Service (Ambulance) for the month of March, 2026
   - Fire Response Services (Fire Department) for the month of March, 2026

6. The following Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed, discussed, and accepted:
   - Hopkins County Hospital District- Delta County EMS Statement of Activity for the month of February, 2026. (Brent Smith, Hopkins County EMS Director, had advised that March, 2026 report was not available for presentation and should be available at May meeting.
   - Delta County Emergency Services District Income/Expense Finance Reports for March, 2026
   - Delta County Emergency Services District #1 Cash & Property Assets Financial Report effective 4/24/2026.

7. Board Members discussed the following general information and New Business to consider for the next meeting:

   - Board advised that first request had been received and payment made to Klondike Volunteer Fire Department for temporary funding assistance and additional funding of match required in connection with grants recently received through Texas Forest Service (HB 2604) Grant Program administered by the Texas A&M Forest Service for equipment. Grants are reimbursement grants where department must first purchase then submit proof of purchase before reimbursements are issued.
   - Board advised that BIS Consultants (our ESD website maintenance provider) had advised that effective 1/1/28 all government websites will be required to meet ADA digital accessibility standards under WCAG 2.1 Level AA (Web Accessibility Guidelines). Annual cost for this Development/ADA Compliance Yearly Service feature will be $1,500 in addition to the annual website Homepage Yearly Service.
   - Board advised of progress on repairs and insurance claim regarding Brush Truck #30 due to recent minor accident
   - Board updated on Tx A&M Forest Service House Bill 2604 grant awarded to Klondike Volunteer Fire Department for purchase of fire apparatus and progress of purchase of a Brush Truck from this grant.
   - Board provided information regarding final financial settlement amount received for use of Medic 11 during its time in Kerrville assisting with search for missing due to Kerrville floods.

8. There being no further business to come before the board and upon motion made by Ron Thurman and second by Bill Choate, motion carried with a 5-0 vote to adjourn said meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM.

APPROVED: 5-26-26
Date

Allen Beeler, President

Prepared by:
Martha Randle, Financial Administrative Assistant

With approval of:
Ron Thurman, Board Secretary