

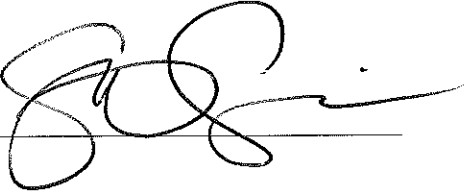
PANOLA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 met in a regular called meeting on the 18th day of February 2025. The meeting was held at the Carthage Civic Center located at 1702 S. Adams Street in Carthage, Panola Co Texas at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Justin Yates, Stuart Lipsey, Palmer Fuselier. and Cliff Todd

Absent: Gene Giles

1. Vice Chairman Lipsey opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and established a quorum.
2. Board members then reviewed the minutes from the January 21, 2025 regular meeting and approved them on a motion by Fuselier, a second by Yates, and a unanimous vote following.
3. Under public comments and suggestions, the following was discussed: Mr. James Mathew Davis talked about a recent EMT call related to his mother that he felt could have been better handled. He discussed some provisions in the VFD contracts. Mrs. Elysa Davis commenting on issues she had with the way some VFDs operate. Robert DelConte went over some thoughts he had on improving the contracting between the ESD and VFDs the next time they were adopted. He went over some data he had collected on board member training.
4. The board discussed confirmation of officer elections as follows: Nixon said the minutes from the last meeting were a bit vague so they needed to re-confirm the intended position of Yates. On a motion by Fuselier, a second by Todd and a unanimous vote following Yates as confirmed as Board Secretary.
5. The Chiefs Association Mark Dawson and Panola County Fire Marshal Bryan Murff made a presentation and requests as follows: Murff was at Carthage Chief Broady Akins retirement party so he had nothing to share. Dawson said they did not have an association this month and the next one was planned for March 5th at 5:30. He went over the extraction class that was upcoming and how excited all were to get that valuable training.
6. Discussion, review, and presentations as appropriate regarding the board discussed the internal control items proposed by Nixon and Woodfin CPAs and or the board committee as follows: The committee had nothing new to report. Nixon ask Dawson if it were ok for him to come to the next association meeting so the guys could give their honest feedback on systems that may help. He is going to see if the auditor Rachel Payne could also come so they could answer all the questions VFDs had. They were also going to bring copies of the support they use for their positions on certain procedural and audit items.
7. CPA Nixon presented the bills that needed to be paid. After some discussion, on a motion by Todd, a second by Fuselier, and a unanimous vote following, the bills that were presented were approved for payment. Some discussion was had related to the timing of bills being turned into Keri for payment and the reason the Wednesday before meeting was so critical so she could get all the board members copies to review before the meeting.

8. CPA Nixon presented the monthly financial statements and updated the departments on their budget items. After a brief discussion on motion by Yates, a second by Todd, and a unanimous vote following they were approved.
9. Vice Chairman Lipsey then adjourned the meeting at 8:11 PM on a motion by Todd, and without objection. The next meeting will be held at the Carthage Civic Center located at 1702 S. Adams Street in Carthage, Panola Co Texas and is tentatively set for March 18, 2025 which is set to start at 7:00PM.



Board Member

Dated 3/18/25