MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 1 ("District") was called at 6:00 p.m. on the 27th day of May 2026, at the 13550 River Oaks Blvd., Beaumont, Texas 77713, pursuant to notice duly posted according to law.

The roll was called of the Commissioners on the Board, to-wit:

Commissioners	Position
Mark Zambardino	President
Robert "Lee" Barnett	Vice President
Wade Witt	Treasurer
Ryan Rosson	Secretary
John Johnson	Commissioner

All said Commissioners were present, except for President Zambardino. In addition to the above-named Commissioners, the following persons were also present:

Attendee	Position
Chief Chris Gonzales	Administrator
Mr. Robert Ring	Administrative Assistant
Hubert Oxford, IV	General Counsel
Kenneth Galloway	Jefferson County Emergency Services District, No. 1, Inc. ("Department")

At 6:05 p.m., Vice-President Barnett announced that a quorum was established and then asked Chief Gonzales to lead the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

Vice-President Barnett called for public comment. There were none, and therefore, Vice President Barnett referred the Commissioners to Agenda Item No. 5.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Review, discuss, and approve minutes of the April 27, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Vice President Barnett then asked the Commissioners and staff to review the minutes from April 27, 2026. In response, the Commissioners and staff responded that the minutes, as presented, were correct and ready to be signed.

There being no changes, a motion was made by Commissioner John Johnson to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2026 Regular Meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Ryan Rosson and unanimously approved by all the Commissioners present.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Review, approve, and take action, if necessary, on approving financial statement; authorize payment of invoices; and amending the budget.

Vice President Barnett then called on Mr. Robert Ring to present the financials for April 2026. Mr. Ring then informed the Commissioners that the District's beginning balance in its checking account at Stellar Bank was $38,332.30. During the month, there was a Tax Deposit of $3,545.67 and no other miscellaneous deposits. In addition, the checking account was reduced by ($27,161.07), due to invoices paid in April 2026. The ending balance in the District's checking account for the month was $14,716.90. (*See* **Exhibit "A-1"**).

Mr. Ring then addressed the District's savings account at Stellar Bank. The beginning balance in the account as of April 1, 2026 was $11,181.87 and after receiving an interest payment of $1.38 during the month, the ending balance was $11,183.25. (*See* **Exhibit "A-1"**).

Next, Mr. Ring referred the Commissioners to the TexSTAR account section of the report. At the beginning of April 2026, the District's balance in the account was $414,534.58. During the month, the account earned $1,239.48 in interest and received no transfer from the District's checking account, resulting in an ending balance for April 2026 of $415,774.06. (*See* **Exhibit "A-1"**).

Combined, Mr. Ring advised that the District's funds available were $441,674.21. However, after considering the funds reserved for the purchase of real estate and equipment, the District's unrestricted funds were $318,674.21. This represented a decrease of $22,374.54 from March 2026. (*See* **Exhibit "A-1"**).

Mr. Ring then presented the Department's account balance at Stellar Bank for April 2026. During the month, no interest was paid and the balance remained at $15,417.84. (*See* **Exhibit "A-2"**).

Mr. Ring also reviewed the invoices to be paid during the meeting. Per Mr. Ring, the total expenses to be paid were $11,228.15. A summary of the invoices is set forth in **Exhibit "A-3"**.

The Commissioners were then asked to review the District's Financial Statements and Check Reconciliation for April 2026. (*See* **Exhibit "A-4"**). Per Mr. Ring, as of the meeting, everything was in order and within the budget. No budget amendment was requested at that time.

Lastly, the Commissioners asked Mr. Ring whether he was able to confirm with Stellar Bank about whether the District's savings account had a minimum balance requirement. Mr. Ring confirmed that there was no minimum balance requirement. Therefore, the Commissioners asked Mr. Ring to move $11,000.00 from the savings account to the District's checking account. Additionally, Mr. Ring suggested transferring $35,000.00 from TexStar to the District's checking account.

Thereafter, Vice President Barnett called for a motion to approve the financial reports, payment of bills and the transfer. In response, a motion was made by Commissioner Wade Witt to approve the: (i) April 2026 District and Department Account Summaries; (ii) approve the April 2026 Financial Statements and Check Reconciliation; (iii) authorize payment of invoices in the amount of $11,228.15; (iv) transfer of $11,000.00 from the District's savings account at Stellar to the District's checking account at Stellar Bank; and (v) transfer $35,000.00 from the TexStar account to the checking account at Stellar bank. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Ryan Rosson and unanimously approved by all the Commissioners present.

Agenda Item No. 7 – Discuss and take action, if necessary, on matters involving: 1) staffing; 2) purchases and/or 3) repair requests submitted by the Volunteer Fire Department; and 4) grant requests.

Vice President Barnett then called for a report on staffing matters, equipment purchases, repair requests, grant requests, and regulatory matters involving the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. Chief Gonzales first reported that eight shifts were still open for June of 2026 out of a total of thirty-eight (38) shifts. The Chief then notified the Commissioners that the transmission control module ("TCM") in

Engine 12 malfunctioned over the last two weeks and the staff was going to take in Engine 12 for a checkup. However, no other equipment was discussed or needed to be purchased.

The Chief Gonzales also informed the Commissioners that he had submitted an application through the Texas A&M Forest Service Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program for grant funding to assist with the purchase of a new brush truck. Chief Gonzales explained that the brush truck would be used to improve the District's ability to respond to grass fires, wildland fires, and related emergency calls. No action was required by the Commissioners at this time.

Lastly, the Chief reported on the process of becoming a regulated fire department and the criteria required for the District to become a regulated fire department through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. Per the Chief, he has submitted the application and was working on getting authority to access the online reporting system.

Agenda Item No. 8 – Discuss and take-action, if necessary, on needed action regarding applying for and/or accepting grants.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Discuss and take action, if necessary, on accepting 2024-2025 District audit.

Vice President Barnett announced that the audit was not completed. Attorney Oxford reported that the request to the County Commissioners was approved and that the Audit was now due on July 1st. Otherwise, no action was taken. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as **Exhibit "B"**.

Agenda Item No. 10 – Chief's Report.

Lastly, the Commissioners were asked to review the April 2026 run reports set forth below. Per the Chief, in April, the District responded to twenty (20) calls. A summary of the report is set forth below:

Date / Time	Response Address	Nature of Call	Disposition
4/1/26 - 00:03	Tallow Dr.	Fall w/o injury	AEMS obtained refusal
4/3/26 - 18:50	Tallow Cir.	Breathing difficulties	AEMS obtained refusal
*4/6/26 - 11:36	Keith Rd.	Grass fire	Fire extinguished
*4/6/26 - 17:14	Keith Rd.	Grass fire - rekindle	Fire extinguished
*4/7/26 - 12:56	Hwy 105	Fall w/ injuries	AEMS transported to St. Elizabeth
*4/7/26 - 13:29	Old Sour Lake Rd.	Fall	AEMS transporting to Baptist
*4/9/26 - 09:40	Hwy 105	Motor vehicle accident	AEMS transported 1 pt. to St. E.
*4/12/26 - 13:12	Yorkshire Dr.	Structure fire	Mutual aid - JCESD#3
*4/12/26 - 16:55	Black Gum Dr.	Gas leak	Secured scene and turned over to CenterPoint Energy
4/13/26 - 19:52	Hwy 105	Vehicle fire	BFD on scene - extinguished fire
4/18/26 - 03:05	Dishman Rd.	Assault	AEMS obtained refusal
4/19/26 - 20:59	Sweet Gum Rd.	Elevated blood pressure	AEMS obtained refusal
4/20/26 - 08:56	Kolander @ RR Tracks	Train Derailment	Assessed scene w/ ESD#3
4/21/26 - 04:18	Old Sour Lake Rd.	Fall	AEMS obtained refusal
*4/22/26 - 12:19	River Rd.	Smoke investigation	Unable to located any hazard
4/25/26 - 07:22	Alford Oaks Dr.	Fall w/o injuries	AEMS obtained refusal
*4/27/26 - 16:40	Dishman Rd.	Grass fire	B-11 extinguished small trash fire
4/28/26 - 18:53	4th St. (Nome)	Structure fire	Mutual aid - JCESD#3
4/29/26 - 17:50	Frio St.	Fire alarm activation	False activation - no fire
*4/30/26 - 13:34	Old Sour Lake Rd.	Fall w/o injuries	AEMS obtained refusal

There being no other matters to discuss, Vice President Barnett thanked the Commissioners for attending and announced that the next Regular Meeting of the District will be on June 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Thereafter, Commissioner Wade Witt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Ryan Rosson and was unanimously approved by all the Commissioners present.

ATTEST:

Rhett Barnett

Position: Vice President

Date: 6/22/2026

Position: President

Date: 6/22/26