



**JIM WELLS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT # 1**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES– October 21, 2025**

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Jim Wells County Emergency Services District #1 was held on Tuesday October 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Abel Perez Fire House (APFH) located at 101 FM 1540 in Sandia, Texas 78383 for the following purposes.

**1) CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order by Board President Abraham Aguilar at 7:04 pm. Commissioners present were Patrick Carter, Karin Knolle, and Matthew Schmidt. Business Administrator, Brien Nicolau, joined via phone. Firefighters present were Fire Chief David Bradfute, Asst. Fire Chief Joe Pena, Captain Ron Cole, and Lieutenant Gilbert Medrano.

**2) PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

**3) INVITED GUEST SPEAKERS and/or VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE**

No Invited guests or speakers.

**4) NEW BUSINESS– Discuss, consider, and take action regarding:**

- I. Update on changes to the Texas Forest Service grant concerning award amount.

Chief Bradfute said the Texas Forest Service would downgrade the grant to \$265,000 as discussed in the October 14, 2025 Regular monthly meeting and that we need to transmit our acceptance as soon as possible.

- II. Take action on the selection of a vendor to build a new fire apparatus with grant funds awarded by the Texas Forest Service.

Chief Bradfute presented the 2 bids that were received for the acquisition of a new Brush Truck with the following stipulations.

1. \$300,000 from Steele Fire Apparatus and \$315,250 from Deep South (Deep South price was higher than originally stated because the \$300,000 was from 2 years ago).
2. The units are identical; however, Steele Fire Apparatus will not be able to start on the unit before July 2027.
3. Deep South will take 12-14 months and if we sign this week, they can start on it and have it finished in 12 mos.

Commissioner Knolle made a motion to accept the Deep South bid as long as we had their confirmation and bid in email form instead of by text. Commissioner Schmidt seconded. Motion passed.

**5) ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Carter made the motion to adjourn and Knolle seconded.

Date Submitted

11-12-2025

Commissioner Diana Hernandez, Secretary

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