

# Harris County Emergency Services District No. 16

Suite 250, 8681 Louetta Road, Klein, Texas 77379-6682

## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING

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1 At 9:00 AM on February 12, 2021, Harris County Emergency Services District No. 16 (ESD or District) President William Jones called the special meeting to order at the Klein Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) Headquarters. Participating in person were:

- ESD Commissioners Mike Pate, Steven Falkner, and William Jones;
- KVFD Fire Chief Michael Gosselin, who participated for a portion of the meeting;
- KVFD Secretary Wendy Ray; and
- Ira Coveler of Coveler and Peeler P.C.

Commissioners Lance Wilson and Marcus Melvin participated via telephone.

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2 No one from the public commented.

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3 The herebelow opinions were voiced during a discussion about holding an election to authorize the District a maximum *ad valorem* tax rate of ten cents per 100 dollars of the property's taxable value.

**Steven Falkner:** He believes the Commissioners should focus on reducing expenditures instead of increasing revenue.

**William Jones:** He considers the election an excellent survey of the public's thoughts about the tax rate. The election results will help the Commissioners take actions in sync with the public's opinion.

**Lance Wilson:** After considerable consideration over the past five days, he believes the public should have the option of increasing the *ad valorem* tax rate over the current maximum of five cents per 100 dollars of the property's taxable value.

**Marcus Melvin:** He voiced concerns about holding an election to increase taxes when people are suffering from the pandemic.

**Chief Gosselin:** He has no objection to the public entering KVFD's Headquarters to vote during a pandemic.

A motion made by Mike Pate and seconded by William Jones passed to call for an election on May 1, 2021 under Texas Health and Safety Code §775.0745 on a proposition to authorize in District a maximum *ad valorem* tax rate of ten cents per 100 dollars of the property' taxable value. Voting against the motion were Steven Falkner and Marcus Wilson. Voting for the motion were Mike Pate, William Jones, and Lance Wilson.

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(Cont'd) Ira Coveler said Adrian Hutchinson will be the Early Voting Clerk and early voting will be Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

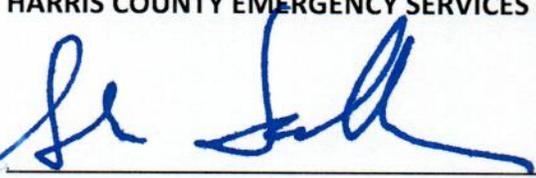
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4 At 9:15 AM, a motion to adjourn made by Mike Pate and seconded by Marcus Melvin passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

**HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 16**



  
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Steven Falkner  
Commissioner