



Bandera, Uvalde, Medina, and Real County – Utopia/Vanderpool Area Emergency Services District No.1

Minutes of August 20, 2026 Regular Meeting
Meeting location: Utopia Volunteer Fire Department
485 Main St, Utopia, Uvalde County, Texas 78884

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.
Commissioners attending: Karen Heideman, Nick Pope, James Meyers and Zach Barfield
2. James Meyers gave invocation
3. No citizen communications given.
4. Nick Pope gave a short report for the UVFD and for UEMS.
5. Minutes from previous meeting were tabled until next meeting.
6. Discussed Monthly/Quarterly investment report including July and August due to cancelled July meeting. Zach Barfield made a motion to approve and pay the bills. James Meyers seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
7. Nick Pope made a motion to adopt the budget for fiscal year Oct. 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027. James Meyers seconded. Motion carried.
Nick pope – yes
Karen Heideman – yes
James Meyers - yes
Zach Barfield – yes
8. Recorded vote on the District's 2026 tax rate, and to adopt an Order Levying Taxes, to authorize filing the order with Bandera, Uvalde, Medina, and Real County Tax Assessor/Collector
Al Buckner - absent
Nick pope – yes
Karen Heideman – yes
James Meyers - yes
Zach Barfield – yes
9. Karen Heideman made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.100000 per \$100, which is effectively a 60.61 percent increase in the tax rate. Zach Barfield seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)
10. Meeting adjourned @ 8:20.

Minutes Taken By: _____ Minutes Approved Date: _____

Signed: _____ Signed _____
President/Vice-President Secretary/Treasurer