



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

Minutes of August 4, 2026 Special Meeting  
Meeting location: Utopia Volunteer Fire Department  
485 Main St, Utopia, Uvalde County, Texas 78884

Commissioners attending: Al Buckner, Karen Heideman, Zach Barfield, James Meyer and Nick Pope.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.
2. Nick Pope gave an invocation.
3. There were no citizen's communications.
4. Discussed 2026-27 budget at proposed tax rate.
5. Discussed actions regarding the 2026-27 tax rate.

Zach Barfield made a motion to vote on the proposed tax rate of .10 for the 2026-27 fiscal year. Al Buckner seconded the motion. Motion was passed 5-0.

Al Buckner – Yay

Karen Heideman – Yay

Nick Pope – Yay

James Meyer – Yay

Zach Barfield – Yay

6. Karen Heideman made a motion to approve the order calling commissioner election for Nov. 3, 2026. James Meyer seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Karen Heideman made a motion to authorize district's attorney to give notice of commissioner election for Nov. 3, 2026. Motion carried 5-0

7. Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 AM.

Minutes Taken By: \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
President/Vice-President Secretary/Treasurer