

PP VFD/EMS Board, Inc.
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members – Present

Jeanie Curry – President
Richard Beardsley – Vice President
Ray Reynolds – Treasurer
Johnny Hutchison – At Large
Robert Carroll – Secretary

VFD/EMS

Chief Dave Paxton
Chief Wesley Green
Deputy Chief Patrick Cobb

In Memoriam:

Vice President Richard Beardsley began with an In Memoriam for Lavern Franzen.

Call to order:

President Jeanie Curry called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by President Jeanie Curry

Invocation:

Led by Chief Wesley Green

President's Comments:

President Curry reviewed the goals from the annual meeting. The change to a more corporate structured format for meetings including no cell phones or recordings and the addition of a comment period at the end of the meeting. The changes made in December were referenced but were not be discussed because of current and ongoing legal proceedings.

The massive IT changes will be presented by Deputy EMS Chief Patrick Cobb later.

The first time designation of Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS to be activated by Margaret Campbell Kendrick, the Emergency Management Coordinator of Hood County, as a warming center due to anticipated severe frigid temperature starting January 23rd through the 25th.

We accepted and appreciated the invitation to attend a productive January 21st PPOA Board workshop.

We are expecting 2026 to be a positive and productive year.

Minutes:

President Curry recognized Secretary Bob Carroll who requested a motion to approve the November 8th, 2025 Annual Regular Board of Directors meeting as written. Treasurer Ray Reynolds made the motion and President Curry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

President Curry recognized Vice President Beardsley who presented the Grants Subcommittee report. Vice President Beardsley recognized Olivia Caughley, our now returned tireless grant writer, who was responsible for the \$594,000 ARPA grant to construct the fire building annex, \$240,000 to purchase a new brush truck, and so many more grants. Olivia Caughley updated everyone that the new brush truck will be delivered in July but will require an application extension to be able to meet the grant requirements. She has spoken with the grantors and they are aware of the extension application.

President Curry recognized Treasurer Ray Reynolds who presented the Finance Report and also the 501c3 conversion progress. Pecan Plantation VFD EMS, Inc. has transitioned to the Granbury accounting firm of Bowden and Tanner. The firm is being meticulous in their preparation of our financials and tax returns. Our Office Manager/Full Charge Bookkeeper Kayla Pittman has done yeoman's work to bring our overall accounting up to speed. The 2026 net profit/income is projected at \$40,000 exclusive of any grants. We anticipate having adequate cash to meet all of our operating expenses and any projected expenses. The conversion from 501c4 to 501c3 is moving forward. The conversion will expand our eligibility significantly for additional grants. We have started working with an attorney in Ft. Worth.

President Curry recognized Secretary Bob Carroll who presented the e-Votes and information on Public Information Office Subcommittee. The e-Votes were to approve the purchase of a used ambulance, approve the purchase of an LP-15 ventilator, and to update the Texas Fire Connect along with the Fire Service information. All votes passed unanimously. I briefly introduced myself. The PIO Subcommittee is a work in progress. The first order of business is the LED sign in front of the fire station followed by the website.

President Curry recognized At Large Board Member Johnny Hutchison who presented the VFD Subcommittee report. The report centered on the progress in the fire station annex. The floor is being finished, new heaters have been installed, windows will be installed in the rooms on the north side of the annex, sheetrock hung, cabinets and appliances need to be installed. The electrical and ethernet wiring continues to be installed. The current projection for completing the project is mid-May.

President Curry recognized Chief Dave Paxton for the VFD report. Chief Paxton presented the fire department calls for the year to date. February calls until the 19th were 20 and January calls were 37 for a total of 57. Total calls for 2025 were 347. The calls are increasing by approximately 20% per year which means the VFD will be very busy in the near future. Rehab

89 batteries were replaced but there is still .8 amp draw that is being tracked down. The rest of Chief Paxton's remarks for grants, fire station work, new brush truck bay and toolroom floors, and the new brush truck which were previously covered in the meeting. *Please see the attachment after the end of the meeting minutes.* Chief Paxton closed by saying he wanted to applaud the fire fighters for the good job they are doing and that he is impressed.

President Curry recognized EMS Chief Wes Green for the EMS report. Chief Green reported that EMS had a high level of organizational resilience and very good clinical outcomes for January with a total of 115 calls for an average of 3.7 calls per day. 32 of the calls were no transports, 83 transports that included 3 airside flights, and 15 Glen Rose Medical Center transfers with no mandatory overtime for the entire month. The ice storm presented operational challenges. There were 8 total calls and we managed to staff and keep 3 trucks operating during that timeframe in case of a surge in calls. We also operated an emergency heating station as well. Staffing was at full capacity in February except for one departure. Paramedics are averaging 16 years of experience with EMTs averaging 2.8 years.

President Curry recognized EMS Deputy Chief Patrick Cobb for the IT & Communication Update as well used M85 truck status. Deputy Chief Cobb requested a motion to accept the report as given. Secretary Carroll made the motion to accept the report as given and President Curry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. *Please see the attachment after the end of the meeting minutes.*

Treasurer Ray Reynolds spoke next in lieu of Office Manager/Full Charge Bookkeeper Kayla Pittman who chose not to speak. Treasurer Reynolds described Kayla Pittman as the valuable member of our team who serves as our office manager, bookkeeper, accounting assistant, receptionist, and many other duties assigned by the Treasurer. She has worked through some difficult times while being able to provide us with the information and reports we have requested while scheduling our many meetings. She has done so without being too terribly frustrated and only locking us out a couple of times. We wanted you to know we appreciate your work very much and wanted you to thank you for being a member of the team.

Comments:

Members only, 30 minutes total, 3 minutes per member. President Curry thanked everyone for their comments and stated we will take them under consideration.

Adjournment:

President Curry adjourned the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m.



Robert Carroll, Secretary
PP VFD EMS, Inc.

Pecan Plantation Fire Department



February Board Meeting

2026

- Calls Feb So Far - 20
- Calls Jan - 37
- Call Year to Date – 57
- Calls 2025 - 347
- Rehab 89: Batteries have been replaced but we still have a .8 amp draw from somewhere. Alan is trying to find the problem.
- Grants:
 - \$25000 TFS.
 - Grants Applied for or extended
 - \$18000 training
 - \$3000 extended
- Fire Department extension, Still work in progress.
Items still to be completed:
Drywall, IT equipment, wiring speaker & paging system, windows, kitchen units, PPVFD LOGO sign, painting and furniture.
New brush truck bay & toolroom floors estimated finished within two weeks.
- New brush truck should go into production mid-March expecting delivery sometime in July.

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PEEMS Board Meeting Notes

19 February 2026

IT & Communications Update

In the last 45 days, PEEMS engaged the services of a professional IT Consulting and Management Firm (METROGEEK). Their initial focus was restoring basic network functionality and ensuring all department related networks and systems were secure and free from corruption, spyware, malware, external access and interference.

ALL department networks and systems have been successfully stabilized. Our technology infrastructure now ensures zero interruption to emergency services delivery.

PHASE ONE- Gain Administrative Control

We have successfully regained all department digital assets (domain names, phone numbers, etc.). This includes the recovery of 16 core email accounts and all corporate web domains, ensuring the department's identity.

Many of these were redundant and either consolidated or cancelled.

PHASE TWO- Establish HIPAA Compliant Security

The department was found running on residential-grade hardware that was not HIPAA-compliant security and without router or gateway security system features in place. The system in place now actively protects all department data which includes patient care reports and other protected health information, financial records, and patient billing information.

PHASE THREE- Ensure Operational Reliability

- **Landline Phones:** We have fully completed the transition to a modern, reliable VoIP phone system
- **Cellular Phones:** All apparatus and command staff now have individual HIPAA Compliant and encrypted cell phones for use in communicating both voice and data Protected Health Information (PHI) to hospitals, medical control, and other healthcare providers as needed
- **Emergency Priority:** We established **AT&T FirstNet** accounts, providing personnel with priority cellular and data services that remain functional when standard civilian networks are overloaded or non-functional
- **Department Email:** A centralized and secure department email system has been created and in use by Command Staff. In the coming days, all EMS personnel will be issued their own individual email address. The email system is HIPAA compliant, secure, monitored, and encrypted
- **Critical Systems:** We have stabilized **ALL DEPARTMENT NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE** that supports daily and emergency operations

NEXT STEPS

The recovery phase of legacy EMS network infrastructure and assets is complete. Install and implementation of new HIPAA compliant, secure, and encrypted EMS infrastructure and systems is also complete. Next steps are VFD related as part of their building construction project.

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PECAN PLANTATION



PECAN PLANTATION EMS
"M85 PLAN"

Initial On-Line Truck Purchase	82000	DONE
Major mechanical engine and chassis repairs completed	25000	DONE
Rear Differential & Drive-Train Replacement	5000	NO
Major box/patient compartment electrical repairs	10000	est
Dual-Head Mobile Radio	12500	NO
Medical Durable & Consumable Medical Supplies		
medications, narcotics, etc.	12000	PARTIAL
Equipment Gear & Equipment bags	1000	NO
Body work, graphics	10000	NO/\$3900 SPENT
Electronics- Cradlepoint, computers, cell, internet	6000	NO
Manual Stryker Dynamic Retention System- floor mount		DONE
TOTAL COST FOR RESERVE USE ONLY	163500	
Portable Radios x2	14000	
Power Load Stretcher & Load System	20000	
Re-furnished cardiac monitor	30000	
IV Pump	2400	
TOTAL COST AS FRONTLINE TRUCK	229900	