



City of La Vernia
**MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD
OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
102 E. Chihuahua St., La Vernia, Texas 78121
September 11, 2025
5:30 PM

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order and Declare a Quorum**
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge of Texas Flag**
3. **Citizens To Be Heard**
4. **Consent Agenda**
(All consent agenda items are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a board member requests an item be removed and considered separately.)
 - A. Minutes from the 08-14-2025 regular MDD Meeting
 - B. Minutes from the 08-28-2025 special joint City Council and MDD Meeting
5. **Discussion/Action**
 - A. Discuss and consider action on an application for the Youth Empowerment Fund from the LV Grizzlies
6. **Discussion Only**
 - A. Update on Plans for the Hometown Hoedown
 - B. Update on plans for the annual tree lighting
 - C. Update on installation of the new street signs and mile markers
7. **Future Agenda Items**
8. **Adjourn**

9. DECORUM REQUIRED

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and any other provisions under Texas law that permit a governmental body to discuss a matter in closed executive session.

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Madison Farrow, City Secretary



**MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD
OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

102 E. Chihuahua St., La Vernia, Texas 78121

August 14, 2025

5:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Declare a Quorum

The meeting was called to order @5:30PM

MDD members Recker, Farmer, Oates, Hyland, Gilbert were present.

2. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge of Texas Flag

Recker lead the prayer, as well as the pledge.

3. Citizens To Be Heard

There were no Citizens to be heard.

4. Consent Agenda

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A. Minutes from the July 10, 2025, meeting

Gilbert made a motion to accept the consent agenda as listed, seconded by Farmer, all in favor.

5. Discussion Only

A. Discuss upcoming events

Executive Director Felicia Carvajal spoke on the upcoming events.

-October 14th: Launch la Vernia

-October 29th: Spooky movie night

-November 15th: Hometown Hoedown

-November 21st: Pink Friday

-December 2nd: Christmas light judging

-December 6th: Christmas parade & Tree lighting

-October 15th-November 15th: Food drive

-November 17th-December 12th: Toy collection & Senior care gifts

B. Update on Rummage for Relief

Executive Director Felicia Carvajal gave an update on the Rummage for Relief- We made \$5,5000 in cash for Ingram, Center Point, Hunt, and Comfort.

C. Discussion surrounding the proposed FY 25-26 Operating budget for the MDD

Executive Director Felicia Carvajal, as well as City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler spoke on the proposed FY 25-26 Operating budget for the MDD.
MDD and City Council will have a joint budget workshop, date undecided.

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Pursuant to Local Government Code section §551.074 of the Open Meeting Act. Tex. Gov't Code, the Board of Directors will meet in executive session to deliberate the annual job performance of the Executive Director.

The Board of the La Vernia Municipal Development District went into Executive Session at 6:07PM and came out of Executive Session at 6:29PM.

No public action was taken.

6. Future Agenda Items

- Update on Hoedown
- Update on street signs as well as mile markers
- A. Joint budget Workshop MDD and CC

7. Adjourn

Motion made by Hyland to adjourn @ 6:32PM, seconded by Farmer, all in favor.

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Felicia Carvajal, Executive Director



**JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND MDD BUDGET
WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC HEARING**

102 E. Chihuahua St., La Vernia, Texas 78121

August 28, 2025

6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order @ 6:00 PM

Mayor Poore, Council and MDD members Recker, Evans, Rabel, Oates, Gilbert, Hyland were present. Farmer was absent.

2. Citizens to Be Heard

(At this time, citizens who have filled out a registration form prior to the start of the meeting may speak on any topic they wish to bring to the attention of the governing body so long as that topic is not on the agenda for this meeting. Citizens may speak on specific agenda items when that item is called for discussion. During the Citizens to Be Heard section, no council action may take place, and no council discussion or response is required to the speaker. A time limit of three minutes per speaker is permitted; the council may extend this time at their discretion.)

There were no Citizens to be heard.

3. Public Hearing

A.

The City of La Vernia City Council will hold a Public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 091125-02 adopting the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget

A.1 Open Public Hearing

A.2 Staff Presentation

A.3 Receive Public Comments

A.4 Close Public Hearing

A.5 Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 091125-02 adopting the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget

A.1 Open Public Hearing

The Public hearing was opened at 6:01PM.

A.2 Staff Presentation

City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler presented sides on new expenses and proposed revenues.

A.3 Receive Public Comments

There were no public comments.

A.4 Close Public Hearing

The public hearing was closed at 6:21PM.

A.5 Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 091125-02 adopting the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget

Council would like Public Works Director Josh De La Zerda to provide estimates on outsourcing meter replacements.

looking into three PD units for the next fiscal year.

Motion made by Evans, to table to the 09/11/2025 Council meeting seconded by Rabel, all in favor.

- B. The City of La Vernia City Council will hold a Public hearing regarding Ordinance No. **091125 -03** adopting the 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate, consisting of Operation and Maintenance and Interest and sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate.

C.1 Open Public Hearing

C.2 Staff Presentation

C.3 Receive Public Comments

C.4 Close Public Hearing

C.5 Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. **091125 -03** adopting the 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate, consisting of Operation and Maintenance and Interest and sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate.

C.1 Open Public Hearing

The Public hearing was opened at 7:25PM.

C.2 Staff Presentation

There was no staff presentation.

C.3 Receive Public Comments

There were no public comments.

C.4 Close Public Hearing

The public hearing was closed at 7:26PM.

C.5 Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 091125 -03 adopting the 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate, consisting of Operation and Maintenance and Interest and sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate.

Discussion was held about a MO tax rate of 0.144658, IS tax rate of 0.127880 totaling to 0.272538

With a 10% increase on water and sewer rates.

Motion made by Oates, to table to the 09/11/2025 Council meeting seconded by Rabel, all in favor.

4. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

Budget and Tax adoption on 09/11/2025

5. Adjourn

Motion made by Oates to adjourn at 7:54 PM, seconded by Rabel, all in favor.

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City Council and MDD members went into Executive Session at 7:33PM and came out at 7:54PM as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Governmental Code §551.074 (Personnel Matters).

No public action was taken.

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Madison Farrow, City Secretary



LA VERNIA MUNICIPAL
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Youth Empowerment Fund Program



Youth Empowerment Fund Program

La Vernia Municipal Development District

Introduction

Overview of the Youth Empowerment Fund

The La Vernia Municipal Development District (LVMDD) Youth Empowerment Fund is designed to support to empower youth living within La Vernia city limits. We aim to promote positive development, education, and community involvement among the youth of La Vernia. The fund is intended to support various initiatives, including educational programs, entrepreneurship, leadership development, arts and cultural activities, sports and recreational programs, and community service projects. By investing in these initiatives, we aim to create a nurturing environment that enables our youth to reach their full potential and become valuable community members. Through the Youth Empowerment Fund, we hope to promote leadership, resilience, and provide opportunities that will enhance the lives of young people in La Vernia.

Goals

The La Vernia Municipal Development District (LVMDD) Youth Empowerment Fund goal is to:

- ❖ Foster Positive Development: Cultivate an environment that supports the personal and educational growth of young people.
- ❖ Encourage Community Participation: Facilitate opportunities for youth to actively engage in their community and contribute meaningfully.
- ❖ Enhance Educational Attainment: Promote and support educational initiatives that help students achieve their academic goals.
- ❖ Promote Leadership Skills: Develop programs that build leadership qualities and encourage young people to take on leadership roles.
- ❖ Encourage Community Service: Provide resources for projects and activities that involve giving back to the community.

Eligibility Criteria

Who Can Apply?

Any person enrolled in grades K-12 and aged between 5 and 18, or any organization, regardless of their size or type, located in La Vernia, TX, can participate.

Program Focus: This program is aimed at youth who want to contribute to the La Vernia community by creating educational programs, small businesses, leadership development services, arts and cultural activities, sports and recreational programs, and community service project.

Geographic and organizational requirements

The organization's location must provide services with the La Vernia City Limits.

Status: The applicant must provide proof of being a community-based organization intending to give back to the community.

Application process

Application Period

Applications are accepted from October 1st to September 30th each year. The applications will be reviewed within 30 business days of submission.

How to Apply

Complete the Application: Use the La Vernia Municipal Development District Youth Empowerment Fund Application form.

Submit Required Documents: Include all Necessary attachments as outlined in the application form.

Submission Methods: Applications can be submitted via email to fcavarjal@lavernia-tx.gov or postal mail PO BOX 225 La Vernia, TX 78121

Funding Details

The applicant may receive one-time financial support for the program or project, an in-kind donation, or a combination of what may be needed.

LVMDD will approve up to a maximum of \$1000 going to each applicant or 50% of the actual cost of the project, whichever is less. The LVMDD Executive Director or designee shall certify proof of expenditures, the date the project is completed, and must recommend payment before funds are disbursed by the LVMDD.

The LVMDD may not expend more than \$5,000 in this grant program from October 1st to September 30th each year.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the maximum amount of funding available?

The maximum amount of funding available is \$1,000.00 to each applicant.

Can an organization apply for multiple programs?

No, only one application will be reviewed per year from the organization.

Are there any restrictions on the types of programs funded?

Must be a Youth Program that focuses on community empowerment and must operate within La Vernia city limits. Programs that promote political or religious activities are not eligible.

How can I get help with the application process?

For aid, please contact the LVMDD Youth Empowerment Fund Committee via the contact information provided below.

Contact information

La Vernia Municipal Development District

Youth Empowerment Fund

Executive Director: Felicia Carvajal

City Hall Address: 102 E Chihuahua

Mailing Address: PO Box 225 La Vernia, TX 78121

Phone : 830-779-4541

Email : fcarvajal@lavernia-tx.gov

Website : lavernia-tx.gov

Application

Organization Name: La Vernia Grizzlies Youth Sports Association

Organization Address: Wiseman Field, 1035 FM 775, La Vernia, TX.

Organization Contact Person:

Name: Joshua "Morgan" Echols

Title: Sponsorship Director

Phone: 907-854-3630

Email: lvgysa.sponsorships@gmail.com

Organization's Tax ID Number (EIN): 80-056954

Year Established: 1998

About Your Organization:-

We are a non-profit organizations dedicated to providing the youth of La Vernia with opportunities to play football, cheer and learn the basics of teamwork.

Program Information

Program Title: La Vernia Grizzlies Youth Sports Association

Program Description

Please provide a summary of the program, including its goals and objectives:

Teaching youth the core values of athletics, discipline, competition and sportsmanship.

Our Association is dedicated to teaching our athletes the basic to advanced fundamentals of
competitive athletics and sportsmanship through youth football and cheer programs.

Our mission is to instill physical strength and conditioning, endurance with crucial character traits
such as integrity, moral values, and teamwork.

Target Audience

Age Range: 4-13 Years of age.

Who will be impacted with your project: Local youth from the community.

How will this program empower the La Vernia community?

Team sports forge disciplined, ethical leaders. Their integrity empowers communities, curbing
curbing crime and prioritizing education. This virtuous cycle builds a stronger, brighter future for all.

Project Start date: 15 Sep 2025

Project End Date: 30 Sep 2025

Location of the Project:

Wiseman Field, 1035 FM 775, La Vernia, TX 78121

Funding

Total Amount Requested? \$ 1,000

Budget Breakdown:

Supplies	\$
Safety measures for the grounds.	250
Facility rental	\$
Marketing/Outreach	\$
Orginazational Signs	250
Other:	\$
Security Cameras	
Other:	\$
Flag pole repairs.	250
Total Budget	\$
	1,000

Provide a detailed description explaining how the funds will be used.

We recently had someone come through a locked gate and destroy assets inside our secured area.

They damaged the U.S flag pole by cutting the lines and vandalizing other LVGYSA assets.

We are seeking to replace the rope and hooks with a metal cable to prevent future damage.

We also want to create signs to hang around town to increase our membership, further impacting

the city's youth. We'd also like to install two security camera's to deter/catch future vandalism and

facilitate continured impact in our community. Finally we want to install cables to prevent cars on or
near the field as we had people driving at unsafe speeds near the sidelines last season.

Has Your Organization received funding from the LA Vernia Municipal Development District before?

☐ YES ☒ NO

Impact and evaluation

How will you measure the success of a project?

First; the increased safety of the children by means of physical barriers preventing vehicle access.

Second; the increased security of our field through security cameras and cable barriers.

Finally; measure the number of participants next season to observe the positive growth over 2025.

What are the anticipated outcomes for the project?

100% reduction of vehicles near / on sidelines of the field / youth all other staging areas.

100% reduction in vandalisim on the grounds / 100% filmed for evidince provided to local authorities.

We project a 15% surge in players in 2026 over the 2025 numbers due to the increased awareness.

How will you track and report on the progress and impact of the project?

The LVGYSA has Board Meetings weekly during the season, and monthly outside the season.

During these meetings we will disclose the status and effectiveness of these inititives and log results.

Meeting minutes for LVMDD YEFC shall be shared with this body/follow up to report project status.

Additional Information

Please Provide any additional information that would support your application

Thank you for your consideration on this matter, we are truly greatful for your time.

Please provide the following documents with your application:

- ✓ **Proof of 501© (3) status (if applicable)**
- ✓ **Business Logo (if applicable)**
- ✓ **Current budget for this project**
- ✓ **Letters of support or endorsements from a community member (minimum 2)**
- **Any other relevant materials**

Certification

By signing below, I certify that the information provided in this application is true. and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that our organization will comply. with all the terms and conditions set forth by the La Vernia Municipal Development District.

Signature: Joshua M. Echols

Name (Printed): Joshua "Morgan" Echols

Title: Sponsorship Director

Date: 14 August 2025

Submission Instructions

Please send your completed application and all attachments to:

Felicia Carvajal fcarvajal@lavernia-tx.gov

Thank you for your interest in the La Vernia Municipal Development District Youth Empowerment Fund. We look forward to supporting programs that make a meaningful difference in the lives of the youth in La Vernia.

Texas Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certification

This certificate does not require a number to be valid.

Name of purchaser, firm or agency La Vernia Grizzlies Youth Sports Association	
Address (Street & number, P.O. Box or Route number) 1035 FM 7757 P.O. Box 783	Phone (Area code and number) 405-219-2007
City, State, ZIP code La Vernia, Texas 78121	

I, the purchaser named above, claim an exemption from payment of sales and use taxes (for the purchase of taxable items described below or on the attached order or invoice) from:

Seller: _____

Street address: _____ City, State, ZIP code: _____

Description of items to be purchased or on the attached order or invoice:

Non Profit Organization 80-0569541

Purchaser claims this exemption for the following reason:

I understand that I will be liable for payment of all state and local sales or use taxes which may become due for failure to comply with the provisions of the Tax Code and/or all applicable law.

I understand that it is a criminal offense to give an exemption certificate to the seller for taxable items that I know, at the time of purchase, will be used in a manner other than that expressed in this certificate, and depending on the amount of tax evaded, the offense may range from a Class C misdemeanor to a felony of the second degree.

sign here ▶	Purchaser Heather Sherman	Title Treasurer	Date 1-1-2025
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NOTE: This certificate cannot be issued for the purchase, lease, or rental of a motor vehicle.

THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT REQUIRE A NUMBER TO BE VALID.

Sales and Use Tax "Exemption Numbers" or "Tax Exempt" Numbers do not exist.

Section 5, Item A.



5-27-2025

To whom it May Concern,

I wanted to share the impact that the La Veria Grizzlies Youth Sports Association has had on my family. We moved to the La Vernia area in July of 2021. Our youngest child was starting Pre-K and he is on the spectrum so we were worried about him and how he would adjust and make friends.

We soon learned that we had nothing to worry about thanks to the Grizzlies. We signed him up for flag football to help meet friends and encourage social interaction. We got so much more than we planned for. He flourished on the team and came out of his shell. His confidence soared. He met friends and developed relationships with both teammates and coaches/mentors. He found his spot.

But he was not alone, our family found friends, our family found a purpose and passion to make sure that the sports association grew and provided the same experience for other children and families. My husband and I both joined the board, I now serve as the President, and he serves as the Football Director.

We want to help continue the legacy of the La Vernia Grizzlies and the opportunities it affords for all children. We foster a safe and encouraging environment where the youth of La Vernia can learn the game of football, learn to work together and grow as individuals and as a team. We also focus on safety and teaching the correct fundamentals. Last Fall we hosted a free tackling camp for all our

players with a private training group out of San Antonio. Our hope and goal is to do the same this season. The LVYSA is committed to helping the young athletes of La Vernia grow both on and off the field. With your support we can work together to make sure the kids are given the best opportunity. I know what the organization has done for my child and my family, I pray we can help other families as well.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Kirley

903-436-0856

Kirl10@aol.com

Letter of Endorsement

May 25, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the La Vernia Grizzlies Youth Sports Association (LVGYSA) as they seek grant funding and opportunities to provide additional training for their players.

Since moving to the area two years ago, my family has been actively involved with LVGYSA, and the impact has been truly transformative. My son, Grayson, has played three seasons with the Rookies team and we've seen remarkable growth in his athletic ability, confidence, and personal discipline. The current training and coaching have laid a strong foundation, and we are excited about the potential for expanded resources to help him and his teammates reach even greater heights.

My husband, Chad, has served as an assistant coach for two seasons, giving us a firsthand look at the dedication of the coaching staff and the potential that exists in each player. With additional training programs, such as skill development clinics, strength and conditioning sessions, and position-specific instruction, the Grizzlies could offer even more tailored support to help players thrive.

As a prior military family, relocating and adjusting to civilian life can be a major challenge. The LVGYSA played a key role in easing the transition for us. Through the program, we not only found a meaningful outlet for our son but also connected with a supportive community. The friendships and sense of belonging we've experienced have made a lasting impact on our family's well-being.

The La Vernia Grizzlies Youth Sports Association is committed to helping young athletes grow both on and off the field. With the support of this grant, they will be able to expand their impact and provide a higher level of training that will benefit not only individual players but the entire community. I wholeheartedly endorse their efforts and encourage you to support this valuable investment in our youth.

Respectfully,



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