

Minutes of Meeting 7-17-23

Ellis County Emergency Services District #3

Vice-President Clay Sparks called the 6pm scheduled public meeting to order. Board members also present were John Allen, Joseph Barrett, and Fire Chief Jackie Cate. Also present were Admin Assistant Sherry McBride and visitor Bobby McBride. Absent were Vincente Guerrero and Albert Garcia, Jr. As a quorum was met, meeting commenced.

Joseph Barrett gave the opening prayer-invocation to the public meeting.

There were no visitor or public comments.

Fire Chief Jackie Cate advised that due to the huge backlog of appeals before the Ellis County appraisal district, it is too early to discuss the proposed tax rate for the year of 2023.

Joseph made motion to delay, with John seconding, that we delay discussion input on the tax until Jackie receives more information from the appraisal district. Motion carried.

Joseph made motion to adjourn the public meeting, with John seconding. Motion carried

Clay opened the regularly scheduled meeting, noting that Joseph had previously opened with prayer-invocation.

There were no visitor comments.

John made the motion, with Clay seconding, that Joseph be elected as Asst. Treasurer to the ESD, pursuant to Health and Safety code chapter 775. Motion carried.

Joseph made motion, with John seconding, that as a result of previous meeting, discussion and approval of 2023 tax rate is delayed until more input from the appraisal district can be obtained. Motion carried.

After review of previous 6-12-23 meeting minutes, Joseph made the motion to approve the minutes, and John seconded. The motion passed.

John made motion, with Joseph seconding, that we move \$44,095.51 from our money market account into checking so that we can make the payment required for the ECESD#3 property. Motion carried. Also mentioned was that we need to add Joseph to the signatories for our accounts at Harmony

Bank. This is to be done as appropriately convenient for all parties concerned.

Admin Sherry gave the Treasurer's report and monthly bills. The bank balances as of 6-30-23 are as follows: Money-market savings \$382,202.19 and checking \$70,167.38. The register balance reflects \$60,323.06 available in checking at end of 7-15-23.

John made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report and monthly bills. Joseph seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Fire Chief Jackie reported there were 16 calls in June. One incident required that he have a stress management discussion with one of the firefighters. They spent 8 hrs on call out on I-35. Received \$3500 from Atmos for transaction regarding getting gas test and calibration equipment. Some batteries and an alternator will be required for certain trucks. Grass fires during this dry weather has been a real problem. A charger has been received for the pending arrival of much anticipated radios.

Only board comment was from John. Had expected Mike Steinmetz to visit tonight and give update on our website, which he manages. He did not make it. But John has transferred all 2023 meeting minutes and agendas to him and he has posted. Still waiting on some financial documents. Sherry to get with our CPA to get latest copy of the annual financial report which is required to be posted. Jackie to email John copy of the 2022 final approved Excel budget spreadsheet for posting. Sherry still attempting to get contact info on the Safe-D website updated, but awaiting some feedback from Help at Safe-D. Still showing Murrie as a member, instead of Joseph. And our website contact link has disappeared. John mentioned that on 7-31, Safe-D is offering a CE class for those needing an hour of credit to apply to their required 6 hrs.

Next meeting was scheduled for 8-14-23

Motion was made by Joseph to adjourn the meeting and John seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned.

Albert Garcia, Jr. President

John Allen - Treasurer for Vicente Guerrero Secretary