

KAUFMAN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #3
MINUTES FROM August 6, 2024
Special Meeting

Present: Commissioners: David Wallace, Jon Leigh, Ryan Hamilton, Chuck Carpenter, and Billy Bourland

1. **Call meeting to order.** David Wallace declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Consider taking action regarding 2024-25 budget.** Chuck Carpenter will have the preliminary budget prepared by the August 13, 2024 meeting. The final budget to be adopted will be ready for the August 22, 2024 meeting. The ESD is only expected to receive \$110,000 more than they received in FY2023-24. The ESD lost about \$530,000 due to annexation by Terrell in 2024.
3. **Discuss and consider taking action regarding 2024 tax rate, including:**
 - (a) **Establishing proposed tax rate;** Based on the information received from the attorney's office today, the No New Revenue is \$0.092208 this year. The Voter Approval Rate this year is \$0.097709. If the board chooses to adopt any rate higher than the Voter Approval Rate, the District is subject to a petition election. However, because the De Minimis Rate exceeds \$0.10, the District may adopt a tax rate up to \$0.10 without calling an election. After discussion, Chuck Carpenter moved to propose the 2024 tax rate at \$0.100000 per \$100. BR Bourland seconded the motion.
 - (b) **Taking record vote and scheduling public hearing;** Voting for the proposed tax rate of \$0.10/\$100 was David Wallace, Jon Leigh, Chuck Carpenter, BR Bourland, and Ryan Hamilton. No one voted against the motion. Chuck Carpenter moved to schedule the public hearing and special meeting to adopt the tax rate on Thursday, August 22. BR Bourland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - (c) **Authorizing expense and publication of "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" in the Newspaper;** **and** Jon Leigh moved to authorize the expense and have Kristie Jones to contact the office of John Carlton to prepare the "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate" and submit it for publication to *The Terrell Tribune*. Ryan Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - (d) **Acknowledging and approving posting of "Notice About 2024 Tax Rates" and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" to home page of District website.** Jon Leigh moved to acknowledge and approve the posting of Notice About 2024 Tax Rates and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" to the home page of the District website. Chuck Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Adjournment.** Ryan Hamilton moved to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Jon Leigh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

By: Kristie Jones

Kristie Jones, Clerk

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