



ECCA Volunteer Fire Department Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2019 at 7 p.m. (349 CR 278, Tuscola, Texas)

1. Call to Order.

Meeting called to order at 7:24 p.m. with President Philip King presiding. A quorum of members **was** present.

2. Pledge and Prayer.

The meeting began with the pledge and prayer led by Janel Young.

3. Minutes of the December 18, 2018 meeting.

Copies of the minutes were presented to the members by Elisa Smetana. *A motion to approve the minutes was made by Stephanie Tervooren and seconded by Jackie Maxwell. Motion carried.*

4. Treasurer's Report for December 2018.

Margie Hughes was not present and copies were not available. Report was emailed so Philip King read the totals into the record. As of December 2018 total ECCA funds were \$440,869.95. *A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Janel Young and seconded by Chrystal Balcerzak. Motion carried.*

- Update on bills for emergency runs. No update provided.

5. Medical Report.

Janel Young gave the medical report. She said there were a couple of medical runs on Horse Fall Road. She also stated the need to keep the batteries charged on the medical equipment. She is still looking into costs of the medical classes for certifications for members.

6. Chief's Report.

Chief Young reported there was a fire on US 277 and only two people responded to it. Also the building site had to be pumped out because it filled with water.

7. Old Business.

- Cub Scouts Pack 218 – Still looking for a date to get with the Chief.

8. New Business.

- Dues letter for 2019 – Discussion was held on adding the information to the dues letter about charges being billed for emergency response if not a current member of ECCA (approved December 2018 meeting). Discussion was held about looking back at the minutes to pull the information that was previously submitted about costs (believed to be in March of 2016). *A motion to get the ECCA officers together and find that information and discuss options was made by Janel Young and seconded by Gary Young. Motion carried.*
- Discussion was held about training opportunities coming up. James Gilbreath said that a Skywarn class would be on February 23rd in the morning at the ACU campus. Also it

was mentioned that a Pipeline Safety Class would be held on February 5th at the Abilene Convention Center.

- James Gilbreath brought up and a discussion ensued on ID Cards for the ECCA First Responders. These are accepted by organizations and allow the holder discounts on items. ECCA does not currently have ID Cards. Discussion was on the need to make them in-house to save money and what constitutes a first responder versus a member. Janel Young stated that the Elm Creek Citizens Association was separate from the ECCA Volunteer Fire Department. The Elm Creek Citizens Association was made up of the homeowners and just because you were part of that organization did not mean you were a first responder.

9. Bonanza Update.

- Purchase of rifles – Chief Young stated that the rifles were purchased and he had received them. One raffle ticket gets all three guns. He said the only other gun he was currently aware of was one that Traci King was purchasing for the auction.
- Auction Items update – Discussion was held about the lack of items and the need to get more before the date.
- Donor Appreciation Cards – Chief Young explained what these cards are used for and handed out ones for the members to take to their donors.
- Cook's Appreciation Gifts and new cooking team for Bullets – Chief Young stated that the Bullets Team is back on board so we don't need a new group. Discussion was held on the aprons for the cooks. The aprons were red with 2019 Wild Bunch Bonanza in black at a cost of \$10 each for 80 aprons.
- Tents – Would be set up on Wednesday or Thursday.
- Discussion on the Pine Street dumpsters needing to be placed where the logo shows.
- Can-Doo Rentals would need to be changed to set up on Thursday morning.
- Discussion about getting an 8 ½ x 11 size bonanza poster next year along with the 11 x 17 so there would be two options for businesses to hang.
- Chief Young stated he went by HEB and next year there might be an option to get the meat donated. It was too late in the game this year.
- Philip King would submit the letter to AEP that was required for their donation.
- Chief Young discussed the Sponsorship options and what the businesses receive for their donations.

10. Building Status Report.

- Building Committee Update. None at this time.

11. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn was made by James Gilbreath and seconded by Robert Lynn. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

E'Lisa Smetana, ECCA Secretary