

Limestone County ESD #1 Minutes of Meeting

Date: 14th day of April 2020

Place: East Lake Limestone Volunteer Fire Department (“ELLVFD”)

Voice Recording Number: DPM 80025.MP3

Members in Attendance: Tom Dean, Binky Simmons, Michael Jones, Mark Jones, Steve Henigman

Guest: Linda Jones (C01)

Note: This meeting was held by a video conference due to the COVID-19 quarantine. Sign in sheet was not issued so members attending were recognized by signing into the meeting. Guests are recognized by establishing who they are when they comment on any agenda item.

Meeting (called to order at 6:00 pm)

1. Visitors welcomed.
2. Quorum established.
3. A call to approve the minutes of the previous meeting (**March 11th, 2020**) was made by Tom Dean, motion to approve was made by Michael Jones and seconded by Mark Jones. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Treasurers Report

1. A call to approve the financial report of the previous meeting (**March 11th, 2020**) was made by Tom Dean. Motion to approve the financial report dated **2/28/2020 thru 3/31/2020** was made by Michael Jones and seconded by Binky Simmons. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Beginning Balance of 2/28/2020 was **\$117,564.17**

Deposits of **\$1,200.75** bring the balance to **\$118,764.92**

Debits of \$749.83 (checks and amounts listed below)

Check No. **1409** to Jan Dean **\$352.87**

Check No. **1410** to Steve Henigman **\$60.20**

Check No. **1411** to Mark Jones **\$336.36**

Brings the balance to **\$118,015.49**

Other Debits of **\$193.85** (Navasota Valley) brings balance to **\$117,821.64**

Special Account balance **\$2,440.68**

Debit Card Fee **\$15.00** brings this balance to **\$2,425.68**

Taxes Collected YTD: **\$70,532.69**

Fire Department

Monthly emergency calls were not presented at this meeting. A representative was not present.

New Business

1. Ground rules of this meeting were established by President Tom Dean on how a meeting of this nature should go forward.
2. A website team was established where Mark Jones and Michael Jones would start assembling the new website. All documents are to be placed on this website as mandated by the State of Texas. This team is to work within an appropriated budget of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). If the budget exceeds the amount appropriated they are to present the excess amount to the board for approval. A call to approve this plan was made by President Tom Dean. The motion to approve was made by Mark Jones and seconded by Michael Jones. All members voted to approve the motion.
3. Acquiring a Farmers State Bank safety box was addressed by Binky Simmons where a 5" by 10" box was suggested costing approximately \$50.00. Up to four people can be placed on the card but only two people will have access for it will have only two keys. It was established that only three people will have access to the box (outside of the bank). People selected are Tom Dean (President), Binky Simmons (Vice President), and Steve Henigman (Treasurer). The motion to approve was made by Mark Jones and seconded by Steve Henigman. All members voted to approve the motion.
4. Rental Contract for the fire department will need further discussion with the attorney who will address rental to the general public outside ESD1 district, security deposit, alcohol, and drugs along with how this affects any function that is sponsored by the fire department. The ESD attorney will draw up the agreement once all criteria has been addressed. Binky Simmons will accept all applications for rental with Michael Jones designated as backup. The motion to approve was made by Michael Jones and seconded by Steve Henigman. All members voted to approve the motion.
5. The problem with the bay heating and air conditioning has been resolved. The problem was located within the breaker panel. It is suggested (outside of a meeting and upon finding the problem) that we investigate the possibility of expanding the air ducts to cover the other bay alleviating some other problems associated with the bay expansion on the west side.
6. Texas SB943 was addressed which concerns the contract with the fire department. It is suggested that the attorney go through the contract and rewrite it after it has been determined how it will impact the fire department. After all, areas have been addressed and established within a new contract, ESD1 will sit down in a separate meeting with the fire department and go over the details. The motion to approve was made by Michael Jones and seconded by Steve Henigman. All members voted to approve the motion. Tom Dean will address with the ESD attorney.
7. Bank signature cards were addressed noting that Steve Henigman needs to be placed as a signer for him to perform the duties as Treasurer after being assigned this position on the 10th day of Jan 2020 after James (Gary) Collins (former Treasurer) resigned on the 7th day of July 2019.
8. Video cameras were addressed acknowledging that another bid and proposal is needed to go forward.
9. The issue of locks will be addressed with the fire department addressing a lockup procedure after returning from a call. Michael Jones will look into having the code on the front door recoded and/or system replaced.

Old Business

1. **(To be removed)** Countywide fire department meeting was held at ELLVFD where city officials attended.
2. **(Ongoing) COVID-19 DELAY.** A bank safety deposit box will be obtained for assets and/or legal documents of ESD1. The motion to approve was made by Michael Jones and seconded by Mark Jones. All members voted in favor of the motion.
3. **(Ongoing) COVID-19 DELAY.** An updated signature card is needed at the bank for checks. This card will have the new treasurer's signature. **(Update 03/10/2020) COVID-19 DELAY.** Bank signature cards will be obtained and placed on file with new signatures...identifications will also be required at the time of posting with the bank.
4. **(Ongoing)** Email location will also be discussed so that all emails are not stored within our personal computers.
5. **(Ongoing) COVID-19 DELAY.** Fans needed for the far bay.
6. **(Ongoing) COVID-19 DELAY.** The heater in the front bay requires repair.
7. **(Ongoing) COVID-19 DELAY.** Lights for flags are also in need of repair. Tom will call to have it either replaced or repaired.
8. **(Ongoing) COVID-19 DELAY.** Rental Contract for the fire department will be discussed with the attorney's for proper application as it related to alcohol and requirements of police on-premises if alcohol is served. This should also cover any benefits sponsored by the fire department. **(Update 03/10/2020)** A procedure and an agreement for the private use of the firehouse will also be discussed and/or implemented (**see Old Business item 4**). ESD1 will seek the advice of the attorney on this matter.
9. **(Continued from 2019) COVID-19 DELAY.** Signing over the proposed substation site will be reevaluated by the attorney since it has already been signed over to the Bishops Landing POA. It may be that signatures from the estate may not be required.
10. **(Ongoing) COVID-19 DELAY.** Fire department budget is currently being worked on and it is anticipated to be turned over to ESD1 by March 10th, 2020. **(Update 03/10/2020) COVID-19 DELAY.** A five-year plan with goals will be in the discussion for the coming months with the focus of posting it to the website.
11. **(Ongoing) COVID-19 DELAY.** A website for ESD1 was discussed. The matter will be taken up with the attorneys to understand the law and what posted content it may cover. Binkley Simmons will bring up the matter at the Safe D convention on 02/20/2020. Tom Dean will call a special meeting (time and date not announced) so that the board can discuss the matter. The current proposal is to use the fire department website. **(Update 03/10/2020) COVID-19 DELAY.** A special meeting about the ESD1 website is called for 03/17/2020 at 6:00 pm with an agenda to discuss all documents needed as well as what was discovered at Safe-D. A website manager will be selected to maintain the site.

NOTE: Votes from a 2018 meeting need to be rescinded before a vote to accept.

12. **(Ongoing) COVID-19 DELAY.** A quote for security cameras is being obtained that will produce real-time recordings. These cameras will be placed outside of the main firehouse in several different locations.
13. **(UPDATE NEEDED) COVID-19 DELAY.** Fire department request use of building for various residential events. A schedule will be devised and submitted to ESD (release form to be signed).
14. **(Ongoing) COVID-19 DELAY.** The budget for the fire department is planned to be introduced in March 2020. **(UPDATE 12/10/2019)** A new budget meeting is being planned for the year 2020. Tom Dean will call the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Next meeting to held Tuesday the 12th day of May 2020.