**Travis County Emergency Services District No. 8**

**Minutes**

**September 19, 2019**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 8 was held on Thursday September 19, 2019 at 5:30 pm, at Station 801, located at 801 Bee Creek Road, Spicewood, Texas 78669, for the following purposes:

1. Call Meeting to Order;

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

Board members present:

Debra Opdahl – President, Rusty Jedlicka – Treasurer, Charles Valadez and Becky Wynn.

Board members absent:

Kristy Quigley – Secretary

Also present:

Jeff Hunt, Troy Wenzel, Sheila Prince and Maggie Jedlicka

1. Public Comment: Members of the public may speak for up to three (3) minutes regarding general topics or specific agenda items. In accordance with the Texas Attorney General's opinion, any public comment that is made on an item that is not on the published final agenda will only be heard by the Board of Commissioners. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, nor comment will be made by the Board of Commissioners;

Margaret Jedlicka greeted the Board.

No other public members present, no other comments.

**Discussion/Action Items**

1. Consider taking action regarding 2019-20 budget;

Tabled -

1. Conduct a public hearing on the proposal to increase property taxes; and

Debra Opdahl opened the public hearing at 5:34pm and made a statement noting that as part of the requirements under Truth and Taxation, this meeting is the first public hearing to discuss the tax increase for ESD8. The ESD8 Board is proposing setting a tax rate of $0.10 per $100 of assessed valuation which is within the rollback rate of $0.1049 and exceeds effective rate of $0.971.

* No members of the public were present to provide statements.
* Debra Opdahl closed public hearing at 5:36 pm

Troy Wenzel reviewed the publications of hearings in newspaper and on Travis County ESD8’s website.

Rusty Jedlicka reported that he was contacted by Byron Zinn (Former President of Burnet County ESD 9) to discuss that Barton Creek Lakeside residents would like to be educated on how ESD’s operate. Mr. Jedlicka referred him to Chief Wenzel and the Travis County ESD8 website.

1. Set and announce the date, time and place of the meeting to vote on the tax rate.

The Public Meeting to vote on tax rate is scheduled for September 30, 2019 at 6:30 pm at 801 Bee Creek Road, Briarcliff, Texas 78669

1. Discuss agenda, time and date for next meeting; and

The second Public Hearing on the proposal to increase tax increase is scheduled for September 23, 2019 at 5:30 pm at 801 Bee Creek Road, Briarcliff, Texas 78669.

1. Adjourn; Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

A packet containing all supportive documentation for this agenda is available for inspection at 801 Bee Creek Road, Spicewood, Texas 78669, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Kristy Quigley, Secretary

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