

ESD 8 Minutes January 8th, 2015 Board Meeting at PFD Station One, 801 Bee Creek Road, Briarcliff, TX. 78669 6:30 PM.

ESD 8 Board Members Present: Russ Munsch, Gail Zahara, Kristy Quigley, David Streilein. Karen Fromel, absent.

The Meeting was called to Order by President Russ Munsch at 6:32 P.M.

Staff Present: Accountant Bob Dilley

The minutes were accepted as read by a 4 – 0 vote.

The Treasurer's/Manager's Financial report reviewed Year to Date Financials for the first Quarter of the 2015 fiscal year. Revenue from tax collections was running ahead of schedule, both in property tax and sales tax. It was noted that to date no financial issues are evident. The great contributions made by the Auxiliary, and in particular the rainwater collection system at station 803, were discussed and saluted.

The Chief's report shared with the Board research on Travis County ESD's done by Damon Fogle, a graduate student at Texas State and a paramedic with the Austin Fire Department. This research provided a lot of basic information regarding the ESD's, although some inaccuracies were noted. The Board asked Chief Deming to submit to Mr. Fogle corrections to inaccuracies in his paper, such as the fact that the Pedernales Fire Department does not have CAFS.

Chief Deming advised the Board that he had been nominated to serve on the Board of the Capitol Area Fire Chief's Association. The Chief discussed a house fire started by lightning in West Cypress Hills. It was explained that numerous departments from around the county responded. Our department did a fine job in promptly extinguishing the fire, preventing further damage to the property.

A Committee was formed by the Board to examine the possibility of creating a group health insurance plan for the fire department. On the Committee are Gail Zahara, Dave Streilein, Gerry Deming, and Mike Claypool. Two representatives of the firefighters union will be appointed to the committee as well.

A matter arising from the December audit was discussed. It was noted that the current capitalization policy of the district is \$5,000. It was discussed to raise this capitalization amount to \$6,000. Dave Streilein presented a motion to raise the capitalization amount to \$6,000. Russ Munsch seconded the motion, and the motion passed by a vote of 4 – 0. It was also discussed that all checks over \$2,000 must be approved by the Board.

The ESD Manager presented to the Board recurrent payments of over \$2,000 for the Board to consider for approval for the 2015 fiscal. They are:

VFIS Property and Liability Insurance \$6,800.00 quarterly, 3/1, 6/1, 9/1

Kansas State Bank Note, 2 Fire Trucks \$20,276.12 quarterly, 4/1, 7/1

Bank of America Mortgage, Station 801 \$37,269.49 2/28/5/31, 8/31

Security State Bank Two Brush Trucks \$6,711.00 3/1, 6/1, 9/1

A motion to approve payment for these items for the 2015 fiscal year was made by Dave Streilein, and Seconded by Kristy Quigley. The Board Voted 4 – 0 to approve these payments for the 2015 fiscal year.

The Chief discussed the need to create a secure, fire proof storage area for records retention. The Board recommended consideration of offsite storage as well. Further study will be conducted.

The Board Retired to Executive Session at 7:35 P.M. The Board returned to Open Session at 7:55 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.