

ESD 8 Minutes August 3rd, 2015 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, and David Streilein. Absent: Karen Fromel

Staff Present: Financial Consultant Bob Dilley, Fire Chief Gerry Deming, Manager Mike Claypool, Training Officer Troy Wenzel, Battalion Chief Bruce Perkins

Call to Order by Board President Russ Munsch at 6:32 P.M.

The minutes of the meeting of June 29th, 2015 were adopted as presented by a vote of 4 – 0.

The year to date Budget versus actual expenses report was presented by Manager Claypool and Financial Consultant Bob Dilley. There were no areas of concern found in expenses year to date, as the majority of budget categories are below budgeted expenditures. Sales tax was noted to be ahead of projections for the year to date, and property tax was slightly above estimated collections year to date. Two checks in excess of \$2,000 were approved by the Board: a) St. David's Occupational Health, \$9,148.90 for annual physical examinations, b) Lance's Fire Truck Repair, \$12,381.29, vehicle repairs.

Fire Chief Gerry Deming introduced the latest Incident Reporting spreadsheet. The Board found it to have valuable information regarding the performance of the department. The Chief stated that he will present this report at each Board meeting. The Chief discussed new legislation regarding mutual aid, and stated that he is researching a mutual aid contract with Burnet County ESD 9 and the Spicewood Volunteer Fire Department.

ESD Manager Claypool led a 2015-2016 budget discussion, with the assistance of Financial Consultant Bob Dilley and Chief Deming. It was noted that the budget must be adopted before October 1, but the deadline for approving the ad valorem tax rate is October 27. This situation is very unusual. It was also noted that the budget development proceedings have progressed rapidly and smoothly since May. The Board requested that notice of the passage of the budget at the next meeting be posted on the district website well in advance of the next meeting. There were few questions regarding the proposed budget. Mr. Claypool discussed the complexity of the calendar involving adoption of the property taxes this year, which led Travis County to extend the deadline for adoption an extra month. A tentative schedule for public hearings was discussed, but no definite schedule will be set until the September Board meeting. It was suggested by Chief Deming and Mr. Claypool to begin discussions and review of the Five Year Plan after each public hearing, as an efficient means of utilizing Commissioner's time.