

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 8

Minutes

November 29, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 8 was held on **Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.**, at Station 801, located at 801 Bee Creek Road, Spicewood, Texas 78669, for the following purposes:

1. Call meeting to order; Called to order at 5:32pm

Board Present in Person:

Debra Opdahl – President, Becky Wynn – Vice President, Kristy Quigley – Secretary Matt Coffel – Treasurer, Charles Valadez – Asst. Secretary/Treasurer.

Also present in person:

Troy Wenzel, Tony Haden, Jeff Hunt, Lynnette Courtney, Neil Loth,

2. 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.

None.

3. Public Comment on Agenda items: Individual members of the public may address the Board for a maximum of three minutes per person per agenda item. Individuals may address the Board once per item. Members of the public will speak on agenda items before Board consideration of item. Members of the public who wish to speak on agenda items or make a public comment must complete speaker cards prior to the beginning of the Board meeting.

None.

Discussion/Action Items

4. Approval of Minutes from the 10/19/2022 Board Meeting:

Minutes approved no changes. Dr. Charles Valadez moved to approve minutes from 10/19/2022 Board meeting. Kristy Quigley seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Receive report from Business Manager and consider taking related action, including:

- a) Approval of monthly bills, invoices, and checks, including processing of payroll.
- b) Approval of financial report.
- c) Review and approve quarterly investment report.

Jeff Hunt reviewed:

- a) Monthly bills, invoices, and checks including processing of payroll;
- b) Financial report
- c) Quarterly investment report; No action taken

Reclassify annual physicals to last fiscal year.

Dr. Charles Valadez asked about the 9-1-1 concerns with charges

Lance's Fire Truck repair bill includes E 801 repairs outside of warranty.

Dr. Charles Valadez asked for a motion to approve all bills, invoices, checks, payroll, including all expenses exceeding \$2,000.00 for the month ending November 30, 2022, and approval of the financial report ending November 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Kristy Quigley. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discuss and consider taking action on the Open Path Access Control System:

Brian Storer presented findings about Open Path Access Control System, which would security lock all stations once installed. System is cloud based and would give three different options to enter each building.

\$38,000 set up fee

\$3,000 annual reoccurring fee

The Board asked about fees per door. Mr. Storer stated approximately \$2,000.00 per door, including storage. The District's total costs for the System will be about \$42,000. Storer will investigate camera security for Station 805. Dr. Charles Valadez made the motion to approve up to \$42,000 for Open Path Access Control System, and Kristy Quigley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discuss and consider taking action on jurisdictional options:

No action taken.

8. Identify, prioritize and consider taking action on strategic management projects, including:

- Briardcliff ETJ Project
 - a) Chief Wenzel has been in contact with Travis Club and the Mayor to discuss a large agreement. They will meet after January 1, 2023.
- Options for Station 805
 - a) No action taken.
- Records Management Program
 - a) No action taken.

9. Receive monthly Fire Chief report and consider taking appropriate action:

Chief Wenzel Reviewed:

- Emergency operations, response times, call volume
 - i. 79 total calls
 - ii. 38 medical calls
 - iii. Response time 6.23 minutes

Chief mentioned he will explore other reports in the new ESO to have better information.

- Training
 - i. Chief Haden reported and provided an update on the latest training efforts. Fulbright, Blount, Brown and Storer attended the EMS conference. Abbott, Cannaday, and Hart attended the General Rescuer. MDCs with Westside 5 on structure fires.
- Management activities, personnel, budget FY 2022/2023, and community impact;
 - i. Chief Haden reported about recent events. Introduced Lynnette Courtney joining from MFFR as the new business manager; 1 firefighter resignation; 3 firefighter

positions to fill with the Station 803 remodel.

- ii. Chief Wenzel had a meeting 2 weeks ago with Thomas Ranch development team.
 - 1. Infrastructure work to begin.
 - 2. Asked for 5 acres to build a new fire station. Site plan was submitted to Travis County Fire Marshal's Office.
- iii. LCRA land at Pace Bend 298 acres (long term lease) which will include 2 hotels with food and music venues. Phase 1 is a water treatment facility and related infrastructure. Chief Wenzel is going to form a committee to discuss Ladder Company options.
- iv. Saturday 12/3/2022 from 9a-11a at Station 802, the District is hosting Pancakes with Santa and an open house.
 - 1. Becky Wynn recommends advertising events with Nextdoor and community group emails.
- v. Numerous events in the community during October. Trunk or treats, Haunted House at Station 801, Lake Travis Public Safety Day.
- Apparatus needs.
 - i. Crews are working to sell 804; Board needs to declare it surplus.
 - ii. Rescue 807 is in service at 803.

10. Receive monthly report from the District's attorney regarding pending litigation matters, contract issues, and legislative efforts and consider taking related action:

District Attorney John Carlton reported about specific legislative updates and ESD related bills being considered.

SAFE-D was reported 11/28/22. It has a platform. Community paramedic program without a 9-1-1 call. The bill would allow ESDs to report exemption on fuel taxes. The bill would also allow ESDs to be solely over services in their district. This would increase the tax cap bill. TML platform; municipalities to enforce shared sales tax with ESD. It allows council to pull out of ESDs. Requires municipal consent for annexation. These issues are done by some cities but not all.

TCFMO bill on Wildland Urban Interface puts the Fire Marshal in charge of Fire Marshal activities in the county (Goodwin to file). Commissioners' Court supports this by not saying no. ESD boards can all submit a statement opposed to this to stop the support. Travis County ESD 11 to file bill requiring city to prove that the same quality of care can be provided if the ESD is dissolved.

Our representatives are Vicky Goodwin- State Rep and Donna Campbell- State Senator.

Recommendation to invite Goodwin and Campbell out to visit and tour before January 12, 2023. "This is what we can do and what we have."

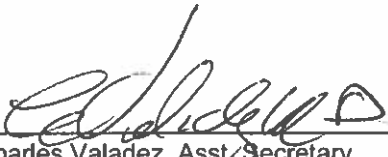
11. Receive report from Pedernales Association of Firefighters regarding fundraising efforts, social and membership events, and unresolved issues discussed at the Chief/Association/Board (aka "CAB") Committee meeting:

No action taken.

12. Discuss agenda, time and date for next meeting:

The next regular Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 5:30 pm at 801 Bee Creek Road Briarcliff, Texas 78669.

13. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.



Charles Valadez, Asst. Secretary
Travis County ESD 8