

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 8

MINUTES

June 28, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 8 was held on **Wednesday June 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**, at Station 801, located at 801 Bee Creek Road, Spicewood, Texas 78669, for the following purposes:

1. Call meeting to order; Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm.

Board Present in Person:

Debra Opdahl – President, Becky Wynn – Vice President, and Bruce Mills Secretary

Board present on Zoom

Matt Coffel- Vice President, – Charles Valadez Asst. - Secretary/Treasurer

Also present in person:

Lynnette Courtney, Troy Wenzel, Kevin Mullen

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. Discuss and consider taking action regarding the employment and compensation of the Fire Chief;

The Board entered executive session at 6:37pm pursuant to section 551.074 of the Government Code.

The Board exited executive session at 7:53pm and resumed regular open session.

No action was taken during executive session.

Bruce Mills made a motion to end Troy Wenzel's employment with Travis County ESD 8 as of June 28, 2023. The Board extended a non-negotiable offer of 3 months' salary at the base pay and for Troy Wenzel's PTO to be paid out in accordance with the Employee Handbook. If Troy Wenzel accepts these terms the Board would recognize this separation as a retirement. Becky Wynn second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Debra Opdahl asked Troy Wenzel if he was willing to accept this offer.

Troy Wenzel asked for the offer to be in writing.

Becky Wynn motioned for Kevin Mullen to formalize the motion and deliver it to the Board President Debra Opdahl. Bruce Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Mullen confirmed that he will prepare the separation agreement and deliver to President Debra Opdahl. President Debra Opdahl will then email the agreement to Troy Wenzel.

Troy Wenzel asked if he didn't accept the offer was he fired?
President Debra Opdahl stated as of today you are no longer employed with Travis County ESD 8.

Troy Wenzel stated that he would get paid his 500 hours of PTO.
Kevin Mullen clarified the motion reflects that the amount to be paid out would be per the employee handbook.

Kevin Mullen asked for Troy Wenzel's hire date.

President Debra Opdahl asked Troy Wenzel if he had any other questions.
Troy Wenzel asked for the reason for his termination.
President Debra Opdahl stated the Board made it clear in the last meeting, the Board has decided to move in a more positive direction.


Troy Wenzel asked for a timeline on the written offer.

Kevin Mullen will provide the written offer by the end of the week. President Debra Opdahl confirmed the email address with Troy Wenzel.

5. Discuss agenda, time, and date for next meeting.

President Debra Opdahl stated the next board meeting be held on July 19th at 7pm.

6. Adjourned at 8:04pm



Bruce Mills, Secretary
Travis County ESD #8