

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 8

**Minutes
July 16, 2024**

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 8 was held on **Tuesday, July 16 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**, at Station 801, located at 801 Bee Creek Road, Spicewood, Texas 78669, for the following purposes:

1. Call meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Board Present in Person:

Charles Valadez – Asst. Secretary/Treasurer, Becky Wynn – Treasurer, Bruce Goodhartz- Secretary

Board Absent:

Debra Opdahl – President, Bruce Mills – Vice President

Also present in person:

FC Tony Haden, DoA Lynnette Courtney, Chris Wood

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 6/25/2024 ESD Board Meeting.

Becky Wynn asked if there were any changes to the meeting minutes from the 6/25/2024 Board Meeting.

There being none, Charles Valadez made a motion to approve the 6/25/2024 Board Meeting minutes. Bruce Goodhartz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Receive report from the Director of Administration and consider taking related action, including:

DoA Courtney reviewed:

- a. Approval of monthly bills, invoices, and checks, including processing of payroll.

- Amcheck
- Aflac
- AT&T
- BCBS
- Dell Technologies
- ESO solutions
- Frontline Mobile Health
- Hartford

- Humana
- MES
- MIGL Engineering
- NAFECO
- Travis County Emergency Services
- Travis County Appraisal
- Vector Solutions
- TCDRS

b. Approval of financial report.

- Revenue
- Property Tax
- Sales Tax
- Expenses
- Cash Accounts
- Capital Assets

c. Review and approve quarterly investment reports.

DOA Courtney reviewed the investment report.

- Texpool Sales Tax: \$2,807.23
- Texpool General Fund: \$80,830.54

Becky Wynn asked for a motion to approve all bills, invoices, checks, and payroll, including all expenses exceeding \$2,000.00 for the month ending June 2024, approval of the financial report ending June 2024 and approval of the investment report for the quarter ending June 2024. The motion was made by Bruce Goodhartz and seconded by Charles Valadez. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Discuss and consider taking related action on refinancing station 801.

DoA Courtney stated that we are working with our CMAR (construction manager at-risk) on a contract for services.

No action taken.

6. Discuss and consider adoption of the tax and budget planning calendar for 2024, authorize payment of tax process publications, and take any related action.

Lynnette Courtney presented the initial tax planning calendar to the Board with the initial recommendation to follow the blue or purple calendar and authorize payment for tax process publications and any related action for the budget process.

Charles Valadez made a motion to adopt the tax and budget planning calendar for 2024 and authorize payment of tax process publications, and any related action. Bruce Goodhartz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Discuss and consider taking action regarding 2024-2025 budget and setting proposed tax rate.

Tabled.

8. Schedule budget meetings/workshops.

- The budget meeting/workshops will be held on July 22nd, 2024 at 5:30 pm at 801 Bee Creek Road, Briarcliff Texas 78669.

9. Identify, prioritize, and consider taking action on strategic management activities, including:

- Department relations with district entities:

Chief Haden reported:

- TCESD2 is currently fighting against the City of Pflugerville to keep their sales tax. A lawsuit has been filed to take the sales tax away from ESD2. This would account for 50% of their budget. We will be watching this closely

and supporting TCESD2. We have several cities within our jurisdiction and there is potential risk.

- Station 801 Remodel –
 - The district is in contract negotiations with Southwest Corp for CMAR. The Department has already begun conversations and meetings will follow.
- Travis Club –
 - Golf Development continues mass grading. Tremendous progress has been made on the eastern side of Siesta Shores.
 - Phase 1 utility installation begins the week 7/15/2024.
 - 4 water trucks are working around the clock to help minimize the dust.

10. Receive monthly Fire Chief report and consider taking appropriate actions.

Chief Haden gave a PowerPoint presentation which included:

- a. Emergency operations, response times, call volume.

June 2024

- 91 Total Calls
 - 54 Medical Calls
- Call volume is equivalent to May's of last year
- Response time 7:05 minutes
- 6/11- crews responded to a 2nd alarm fire with Lake Travis Fire. This was new hire Craig Koenig's first fire. Engine 802 identified active fire and prevented a major rekindle.
- Engine 802 is OOS- for warranty work
- Tender 801 is OOS- repair ticket has been made

- b. Training.

Chief Haden presented:

- In house boaters' safety course has been approved. More information to come.
- ACC Summer courses have wrapped up. 3 Members obtained TCFP certs from those courses.
- 420 hours of training logged for June
- 4 members cleared as higher class.
 - Lt. Fojtic- BC cleared
 - Eng. Campuzano- LT Cleared
 - Eng. Talamantez- LT Cleared
 - FF Miller- Engineer Cleared
- 49 hours of extrication training logged with cars used for training at Station 802
- Pack test completed. This allows for members to be TIFMAS deployable. Great job to LT. Storer for helping with this.
- Up next:
 - Hands on training all across the state
 - General Rescue training. BC Montgomery will be teaching.

- c. Management activities, personnel, amendments to budget FY 2023/2024, and community impact

Chief Haden presented:

- Boat 801 is back in the water. We are currently working on a long-term agreement with the Baptist Camp.

d. Apparatus needs

- None.

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.

None.

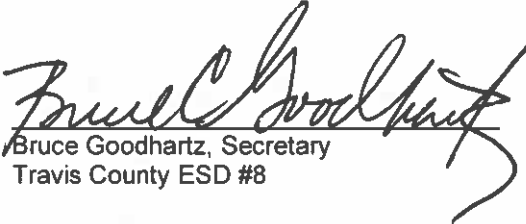
12. Receive monthly report from the District's attorney regarding pending litigation matters, contract issues, and legislative efforts and consider taking related actions.

None.

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

- Budget Meeting/Workshop will be held on July 22nd, 2024 at 5:30 pm at 801 Bee Creek Road, Briarcliff Texas 78669.

14. Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.


Bruce Goodhart, Secretary
Travis County ESD #8