

Caldwell County Emergency Services District #3

Board Meeting MINUTES

April 8, 2021 6:00PM

Board Meeting held at the Martindale Volunteer Fire Department located at:
111 Lockhart Street, Martindale, TX 78655

1. Call meeting to order – Over ZOOM video conference at 6:35 pm (Recording Available)
 - (a) Roll call: Commissioners Present - Bill Hamilton, David Murdoch, Mark Jungers, Josie Martinez; Robert Moreno
 - (b) Quorum present
2. Review and approve Minutes from the March 11, 2020 meeting - Motion made by Mark Jungers to accept minutes as written – David Murdoch 2nd – PASSED 5-0
3. **Reports**
 - (a) Call Report from MVFD – 28 calls were made in March; 1 missed
 - (b) Financial Report presented by David Murdoch
 - (c) MVFD-LCRA grant
 - (d) Vehicles Repairs Report – Engine repairs will cost \$4,200, one vehicle at a time will be sent in for cash flow reasons as well as keeping the most vehicles in service at a time as possible.
 - (e) Building Report – Frank Gomillion has emailed 16 members of the design team a questionnaire on the new station design and has received 4 replies to date.
4. **Discussion / Action Items**
 - (a) Review and approve expenses - David Murdoch motioned to approve payment of operating expenses - Mark Jungers 2nd - PASSED 5-0
 - (b) River Support Funding – Chief Germer has proposed a \$17,000 river season program to staff the emergency response needs of the local tubing companies 3 days a weekend for 48 days from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The plan is to pay qualified fire fighters who have swift water rescue training \$100 per day; the shifts will be from noon to 9:00 or 10:00 pm. He reached out to the companies affected and not only found interest in helping to support the program, but also a request to add an additional day a week to the proposed program. Both Texas State Tubes and Don's Fish Camp have agreed to contribute \$4,500 each and Caldwell County has agreed to provide \$5,000 in unused funds that they have for this calendar year for the river season. Mark Jungers motioned to move \$3,000 that the ESD had earmarked for Volunteer Call Incentives to direct River Season Support, Josie Martinez 2nd - PASSED 5-0
 - (c) Community Support Coordinator – Bill Hamilton brought up for discussion the idea of the ESD supporting a “Neighbors helping neighbors” type program during times of crisis: fires, extreme heat or cold or other natural disaster in our area to support the community at the new Fire Station. The idea generated a positive response from the Board Members who will think on what the program might look like for further discussions.
5. Announcements: (No action or in depth discussions – Events or items of general interest)
6. Set next meeting time and date – **Thursday 5-13-2021** – 6:30pm
7. Adjournment – Mark Jungers motioned to Adjourn, David Murdoch 2nd - PASSED 5-0