

Caldwell County Emergency Services District #3

Board Meeting MINUTES August 13, 2020 6:30PM

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
 - (a) Roll call: Commissioners Present - Ross Purcell, David Murdoch, Bill Hamilton, Mark Villalobos
 - (b) Quorum present
2. Review and approve Minutes from July 9, 2020 meeting - Bill Hamilton motioned to accept minutes as written, Mark Villalobos 2nd, PASSED 4-0
3. Visitors: Richard Fletcher and Katie of HDL regarding Survey of Businesses within ESD Boundary – Richard presented sample projections for future sales tax income reports that HDL could prepare. Their fees are \$2,500/yr. for Reporting & Consultation Forecasting Assistance. Audit & Recovery services have a 35% fee on taxes identified and collected for 24 months.
4. Introduction to New Board Candidate Mark Jungers
5. **Reports**
 - (a) Call Report from MVFD – The tubing season has shut down, there is a high brush/grass fire volume due to dry conditions
 - (b) Financial Report presented by David Murdoch
 - (c) New Brush Truck Up-fit Report – Chief Germer reported that the truck is in service while awaiting the foam system and wild land gear that is to be kept on the truck.
 - (d) Building Financing Report – The ESD's attorney will need to put together a document giving the Board permission to seek funding. A request for RFQs went out in the newspaper and by mail; the replies must be postmarked by 8/28/2020. Next steps will be to score the applicants and then interview those with the highest scores.
6. **Discussion / Action items**
 - (a) Vote on New Board Candidate Mark Jungers – Bill Hamilton motioned to approve Mark Jungers as a new Commissioner, David Murdoch 2nd, PASSED 4-0. He will be filling Richard Salmon's seat through December 2021. The next step is to submit Mark's name to the Commissioner's Court for their approval.
 - (b) Proposed Property Tax Rate – The No New Revenue Rate and the Voter Approved Tax Rate were discussed. Ross Purcell motioned to adopt the No New Revenue Rate of 0.0817% / \$100 of property value, David Murdoch 2nd, PASSED 4-0. The next step is to publish the new Tax Rate.
 - (c) Meeting with Commissioner Ed Theriot Regarding County River Staffing Contract – Ross Purcell will be meeting with Commissioner Theriot.
 - (d) Review and approve expenses - Ross Purcell motioned to approve operating expenses, Bill Hamilton 2nd - PASSED 4-0
 - (e) Budgets: Review Proposed ESD Funding Budget from MVFD, Review 2020-2021 ESD Budget First Draft – There was an in-depth discussion on the MVFD Budget requests and recommendations were made concerning a requested 2nd draft of both proposed budgets.
7. Announcements: (No action or in depth discussions – Events or items of general interest)
8. Set next meeting time and date – **Thursday 9-10-2020** – 6:30pm
9. Adjournment – 8:47 pm – David Murdoch motioned to Adjourn, Mark Villalobos 2nd, PASSED 4-0