

Caldwell County Emergency Services District #3

Board Meeting MINUTES

September 10, 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 6:34 pm
 - (a) Roll call: Commissioners Present - Ross Purcell, David Murdoch, Bill Hamilton, Mark Villalobos, Mark Jungers
 - (b) Quorum present
2. Review and approve Minutes from August 6 & 13, 2020 meetings – Item Tabled this meeting
3. **Reports**
 - (a) Call Report from MVFD – There were 31 calls – 3 missed
 - (b) Financial Report presented by David Murdoch
 - (c) New Brush Truck Up-fit Report – Chief Germer reported that there was a brush fire call on the first day the truck was in service and that it has been very effective. The upfit is complete except for the foam system, he is working on the plumbing now. An Insurance check has been received by MVFD for collision repairs, the truck will be repaired next.
 - (d) Building Financing Report – Pre-approval has been received from the USDA, Bill Hamilton reported having a positive meeting with Rose Gonzales at the Fire Station.
 - (e) Architect Search Report – Bill Hamilton published an RFQ in the newspaper, some local and some national companies have submitted their information. Next step is to score the applicants to decide who to call in for interviews.
 - (f) Report on Meeting with Commissioner Ed Theriot Regarding County River Staffing Contract – Ross Purcell met with Commissioner Theriot who said that originally the agreement was for the Sherriff deputies, next there was an agreement to have ambulance on site, last year they tried to renegotiate the contract but haven't yet. Now due to COVID-19 the tubing companies are closed. Commissioner Theriot committed to include the ESD in the next meeting whenever that happens. Ross requested a Cost/Benefit Analysis from Chief Germer to present at that future meeting.
4. **Discussion / Action items**
 - (a) Review and approve expenses - Bill Hamilton motioned to approve operating expenses, David Murdoch 2nd - PASSED 5-0. Ross Purcell is planning to add Mark Villalobos and Mark Jungers as check signers.
 - (b) Thoughts on HDL proposal for Sales Tax Recovery – Ross Purcell recommended waiting a few months for tax payers to start reporting on their own and to revisit the topic every 3 months, Mark Villalobos and Mark Jungers agreed.
 - (c) Adoption of the property tax rate - Bill Hamilton motioned to adopt a proposed tax rate of 0.0817% / \$100 of property value for Tax Year 2021, Mark Villalobos 2nd, PASSED 5-0
 - (d) Budgets: Review Proposed ESD Funding Budget from MVFD, Review 2020-2021 ESD Budget First Draft – Bill Hamilton motioned to approve the 2nd draft of the MVFD proposed budget of \$69,294 for FY 2020-2021, David Murdoch 2nd - PASSED 5-0. David Murdoch motioned to approve the ESD proposed budget dated 9/6/2020 after removing the HDL expenses and updating the MVFD Contract amount, Mark Villalobos 2nd, PASSED 5-0
5. Announcements: Congratulations to Mark Jungers for his approval to the Board by the Caldwell County Commissioners Court.
6. Set next meeting time and date – **Thursday 10-8-2020** – 6:30pm
7. Adjournment – 8:08 pm – Bill Hamilton motioned to Adjourn, David Murdoch 2nd, PASSED 5-0