

# TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 14 REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 21, 2017, 7:00 PM  
Volente FD, 15406 FM 2769, Volente, TX 78641

## MINUTES - Final

1. Call to Order and Establish a Quorum  
Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Moore. Secretary Shull and Treasurer Blunt also present. Quorum established.
2. Consideration and actions, if needed, regarding reappointments of commissioners, including administration of Oath of Office  
Reappointed commissioners not present. Action postponed to March meeting.
3. Citizen Comment.  
No citizens attended the meeting.
4. Receive and take action(s) on the report by the ESD's auditors  
The audit for fiscal year 2016 was presented by Jimmy Rommel of Maxwell Locke & Ritter, L.L.P. No accounting irregularities were found during the audit. President Moore moved to accept the audit as published and to instruct Chief Groman to distribute copies to Travis County, as required. Blunt seconded. Motion approved.
5. Review and Approval of Minutes of the ESD 14 board meeting of 01/17/2017 and special meeting of 1/26/2017  
President Moore moved to approve both sets of minutes. Blunt seconded. Both Minutes approved.
6. Receive and review reports from VFD Fire Chief and VFD Board  
The report was presented and reviewed by Chief Groman. The ESD 14 Firewise certification has been renewed by the National Fire Protection Association. The Department is considering sending letters to those homes that are particularly vulnerable to wildland fires. Those letters would offer to assist residents in analyzing and reducing their wildland fire threats.
7. Consideration and action regarding approval and adoption of AMENDMENT ONE OF INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 14  
Commissioner Shull moved to approve the Amendment One of the Interlocal

Cooperation Agreement for Emergency Medical Services between Travis County and Emergency Services District 14, and authorize the appropriate District officials to execute same. Blunt seconded. Motion carried.

8. Updates and consideration and action(s) regarding reducing fire danger to/from the BCP, including possible work on shaded fuel breaks, coordinating with Travis County, promoting the Fire Wise program, etc.

Department President Spurlin and District President Moore will be meeting with Travis County BCP personnel to discuss plans, priorities, and restrictions for creating shaded fuel breaks along the edges of the BCP to reduce fire threats.

9. Discussion and action(s) regarding potential fire station remodeling and/or construction of a vehicle bay on ESD property

President Moore presented preliminary plans for a metal 6-bay vehicle storage (no living space) building that would be 60 by 90 feet, with 3 doors in front and back to facilitate 3 double-stack bays. The cost estimate is \$262,200, including site preparation, concrete floor and aprons, plumbing, and electrical wiring. The estimate does not include driveways or rainfall runoff retention structures. The plans were provided *pro bono* by Ackerman General Construction of Bastrop, TX.

10. Updates, consideration and actions concerning the sales tax election on May 6, 2017 to consider raising the current sales tax from 1% to 2% in ESD 14 territory outside the Village of Volente, including, but not limited to, establishing town hall meeting(s) and other methods of communicating with the public about the election

President Moore moved to hold a Town-hall Meeting in the evening of Thursday, March 23, 2017 at the Fire Station. Exact time TBD. Blunt seconded. Motion carried. Our consultant, Cliff Avery, will provide posters and informational brochures. Snacks might be provided.

11. Updates, discussions and actions regarding receipt of filings and other information about Political Action Committee(s) relating to the May 6<sup>th</sup> sales tax election

The District has received documents establishing the "Funding the Firehouse" political action committee, whose purpose is to encourage voters to vote in favor of Proposition One, the ESD 14 sales tax ballot item on the May 6, 2017 election. The PAC will make presentations to the Volente Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting and at the Fire Department Fish Fry event.

12. Receive and discuss updates and information regarding emergency services in and around the District, including but not limited to discussions and actions taken by the ESDCC, SAFE-D, other ESDs (including recent overlay election for ESD 1/7), other fire departments (including CPF and AFD) and Travis County

ESD 1 now has an overlay district designated ESD 7. They have set up separate Commissions, with four overlapping members. They have separate meetings. ESD 11, in south Travis County, is holding an overlay election in May 2017

13. Consideration and action(s) regarding legislative efforts and potential legislation

affecting ESDs, annexation and ESD funding.

There is currently no specific legislation concerning these issues. HB 299 would revisit and modify the complete municipal annexation codes. SAFE-D hopes to work with Rep. Larson to address concerns about the impact of annexation on ESD residents.

14. Continuing Education Requirements and SAFE-D Conference March 9-11, 2017 in San Marcos

Commissioners Moore, Blunt, and Shull are registered for the conference.

15. Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report.

The report was presented by Treasurer Blunt. So far this year, we have had revenues of \$509,499.50, and expenses of \$297,764.28.

Commissioner Shull moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Moore seconded. Report approved.

16. Reimbursement and Payment Requests. Consideration and action on reimbursement request(s) from VFD and/or any other payment requests.

The following reimbursements were proposed by the Treasurer:

Volente Fire Department \$\$64,332.63 for services provided

Maxwell Locke & Ritter \$9,000.00 for audit services

Burns Anderson Jury & Brenner \$1,449.72 for legal services

Lonnie Moore, Alan Blunt, and Roger Shull \$255.00 each, for SAFE-D registration fees.

Lonnie Moore \$68.99 for office supplies

Hill Country News \$21.00 for publication of public notices.

President Moore moved to approve the above reimbursements. Blunt seconded. Reimbursements approved.

17. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Roger Shull, Secretary