

**TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES
DISTRICT No. 14 MINUTES OF REGULAR
MEETING**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM

**Location: Volente FD, 15406 FM 2769,
Volente, TX 78641**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. All commissioners were present. Quorum established.

2. Consideration and actions, if needed, regarding reappointments of commissioners, including administration of Oath of Office

Commissioners Tom Stevenson and Joe Lamoreux were duly sworn to their new two-year term by Chief Walter Groman.

3. Citizen Comment.

No citizens attended the meeting.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes of the ESD 14 board meeting of 02/21/2017

Commissioner Blunt moved to approve the February minutes. Shull seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

5. Receive and review reports from VFD Fire Chief and VFD Board

The report was presented by Chief Groman. The Department is conducting a detailed analysis of all vehicles, including their age and appropriateness to our current mission. Results of this analysis will suggest targets for replacement. Commissioner Stevenson reported that Tom Moody, Twin Creeks resident and former ESD 14 Commissioner, is interested in meeting with Chief Groman to discuss improving our cooperation with Cedar Park Fire Department. The Chief said he was open to meeting with Moody.

6. 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.

Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources is conducting a program to mitigate wildland fire fuels along the perimeter of the Balcones Canyonland Preserve. Funding is provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. President Moore and President Spurlin met with the Travis County project

managers and encouraged them to continue working within ESD 14. The project is suspended during the warbler and vireo nesting period. Various ways to continue this work were discussed, including having the Fire Department collect brush from landowners volunteering to prune their own property. No action was taken on this subject.

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

It has been determined that the best location for the fire vehicle building on the ESD property is farther north and up the hill than previously planned. If the vehicle building were to be constructed there, the southern end of the property might be suitable for a temporary office for the Village of Volente.

8. Updates and consideration and action(s) regarding potential use of VFD / ESD 14 facilities and/or land by Village of Volente including, but not limited to, either the sale or the lease of approximately one acre of land to Village of Volente and consideration of a resolution stating the ESD's position on this matter

Based on the new plans as described in Item 7 (above), it was decided to offer the Village an option to place a temporary office building at the south end of the property. That option was presented in a draft resolution by President Moore (Resolution 03-21-2017-08, attached). Commissioner Stevenson moved to approve the resolution. Lamoreux seconded. All commissioners voted to approve the resolution. Resolution passed unanimously. Resolution was emailed to Mayor Beck.

9. 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

An informative brochure has been mailed to all ESD 14 residents describing the election. A community Town Hall meeting to inform the residents of the facts involved in the election is scheduled for March 23, 2017 at the Fire Station. Commissioners reviewed and commented on the presentation that President Moore will deliver at the meeting. Village residents will not vote on this issue, because the Village is already collecting 2% sales tax. If the issue passes, ESD 14 will get an additional 1% tax from businesses outside the Village. That additional revenue stream would not be realized until the Comptroller collects our Capital-Metro buyout charge of \$178,000.

10. 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

Travis County Executive, Josh Davies is planning to visit with us in the near future, to discuss various issues (not scheduled yet). ESD 1 and its overlay district, ESD 7, are organized and functioning now. We should follow their experience in case we ever need to consider the overlay approach. ESD 2 (Pflugerville FD) is now operating four of their own ambulances to supplement ATCEMS ambulances.

11. Consideration and action(s) regarding legislative efforts and potential legislation affecting ESDs, annexation and ESD funding

Current bills relating to the annexation issues are considered doubtful. If they fail, the Travis County ESDs may be able to negotiate annexation issues directly with the City of Austin. Senate Bill 2 proposes to call a mandatory election to roll back taxes if the effective tax rate exceeds 5%. That limit is currently 8%, and voters must petition to call a roll-back election.

12. Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report.

The February Treasurer's Report was presented by Commissioner Blunt. Commissioner Stevenson moved to approve the report. Lamoreux seconded. Report approved unanimously.

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

The following disbursements were proposed by Treasurer Blunt:

- Volente Fire Department -- \$55,109.86 for services provided
- Travis County Clerk -- \$1,171.50 for November election services
- Travis County Clerk -- \$100 for escrow fund
- SAFE-D -- \$500 for annual membership dues
- Burns Anderson Jury & Brenner -- \$420 for legal services

Secretary Shull moved to approve the subject payments. Stevenson seconded. Payments approved unanimously.

14. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Roger Shull, Secretary

RESOLUTION 03-21-2017-08

It is hereby resolved, on the 21st day of March, 2017, during a duly called meeting, that Travis County Emergency Services District No. 14 (TCESD 14) confirms its willingness to lease approximately one acre out of the ESD's 5+- acre tract adjacent to VFD to the Village of Volente, for the following terms:

1) The lease is subject to approval of final terms and conditions by both TCESD 14 and Village of Volente and to review by their respective legal counsels; 2) an initial lease period of up to five years; 3) a lease rate of \$1.00 per year or as otherwise negotiated; 4) Village of Volente will be responsible for all costs of permitting, approvals, survey(s), construction, development, and utilities, including, but not limited to, the extension of roadway/driveway access and parking; 5) TCESD 14 has the right to approve, in advance, any and all improvements made by Village of Volente; 6) the location of the one-acre portion to be leased will be approximately as shown as the 1.01 acres on the far east portion of the tract, with road frontage on Fm 2769, on the attached Conceptual Site Plan. The location of the Village Hall building on the tract will not necessarily be as shown on the Conceptual Site Plan.

It is further resolved that TCESD 14, by its recorded vote, authorizes its President, its Secretary and its attorney, Ken Campbell, to prepare, negotiate and enter into such an agreement, and to execute such documents as necessary to accomplish the lease.

Motion made by Commissioner Stevenson.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Lamoreux.

In Favor: Commissioners: Moore, Blunt, Shull, Stevenson, Lamoreux.

Opposed: None

Absent / Abstaining: None

Attest:



Lonnie Moore, President
March 21, 2017

Attachment: Conceptual Site Plan labeled "VOLENTE MUNICIPAL CENTER," prepared by h+uo Architects.



F.M. 2769

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1" = 60'
CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN



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VOLENTE MUNICIPAL CENTER

15400 F.M. 2769, Volente, Texas 78641

PROJECT: Volente Municipal Center
 DATE: 08/11/2011
 DRAWN BY: [Name]
 CHECKED BY: [Name]
 SCALE: AS SHOWN

