

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 14
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, August 15, 2017, 7:00 PM
Volente FD, 15406 FM 2769, Volente, TX 78641

MINUTES, Final

1. Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: President Moore, Treasurer Blunt, and Secretary Shull. Quorum established.

2. Citizen Comment

There were no citizen comments.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes of the ESD 14 board meeting of 07/18/2017

Commissioner Blunt moved to approve the July 18, 2017 meeting minutes. Shull seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

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

The report for July was presented by Chief Groman. The Department will be sending a mailer to all ESD 14 residents outlining emergency evacuation plans for wildland fires. All vehicles have received their annual maintenance service. Retired Vehicle Squad 1407 has been sold to a rancher near Amarillo. The National Night Out open house will be held October 3, 2017, at the fire station. An order has been placed to replace 10 portable radio transceivers.

5. Discussion and action for approval of the purchase of 10 portable radios via the related state contract

The invoice for the 10 radios, including discount, totaled \$77,675.00. Commissioner Blunt moved to approve the purchase of said radios at a total cost not exceeding \$80,000. Shull seconded. Purchase approved unanimously.

6. Discussion and action regarding setting of 2017 property tax rate, including publications, hearings, and other steps necessary to complete the process prior to September 29, 2017, including, but not limited to: a) Consideration and action to adopt a proposed tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 valuation for the year 2017, or, alternatively, a different tax rate if so proposed, with a record vote taken; and b) Consideration and actions to establish dates and times to hold two public hearings on the proposed 2017 tax rate and a date and time for holding a meeting for a final vote on the 2017 property tax rate with

action to ensure the required publication of notices of the public hearings and meeting(s).

- a) The tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 evaluation was adopted at the last meeting. No further action was taken.
- b) The dates for the two public hearings were not changed. They are August 29, and September 12, 2017. All required notices have been dispatched. No further action was taken.

7. Discussion and actions concerning changing the regular monthly meeting date of the ESD Board of Commissioners

To provide ADA-compliant restrooms, the Village Council is now meeting at the fire station on the third Tuesday of the month (the same time as our meeting) forcing the ESD Board into the small conference room. The ESD Board thus needs a different time for our regular meeting. Tuesdays seem to be the best day for our Commissioners. The Village Planning and Zoning Board meets at the fire station on the second Tuesday of the month.

President Moore moved that starting in October 2017, the ESD 14 Board of Commissioners meeting shall be moved to the fourth Tuesday of the month. Shull seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Updates, consideration, and action(s) regarding potential use of VFD/ESD 14 facilities and/or land by Village of Volente including, but not limited to, the lease of approximately one acre of land to Village of Volente

We have received no official communications from the Village on this issue. However, VFD President Spurlin attended the Council meeting, and reported that the Village is actively working on conceptual designs for their new Village Hall that would be built on the ESD property. No action was taken on this issue.

9. Updates, consideration, and actions concerning hiring an architect for planning the construction of an ancillary building on ESD 14 property capable of parking emergency vehicles with possible future expansion as a fire station

President Moore has requested that the ESD attorney provide us with guidance in preparing a Request for Qualifications document to procure architectural services. No response has been received. No action on this issue.

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 elections in other Districts), other fire departments (including CPFD and AFD) and Travis County

The Travis County ESDCC will meet Saturday, August 18, 2017.

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

The new legislation requiring large cities to obtain residents' consent before annexing them may slow the process of Austin annexing ESD commercial properties on FM 620. Legislation limiting the growth of property tax revenues did not pass.

12. Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report

The report was presented by Treasurer Blunt. Annual revenues to date are about \$57,000 above expenditures. Sales tax revenue held steady, and should double beginning in October 2017, when the additional 1% sales tax will take effect.

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

Reimbursements were proposed for the following payees:

Volente Fire Department: \$65,105.40 for fire and rescue services.

Travis County Clerk: \$61.99 for election services.

Burns Anderson Jury & Brenner: \$ 366.77 for legal services pertaining to elections.

President Moore moved to approve payment of these reimbursements. Blunt seconded. Payments approved unanimously.

14. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Roger Shull, Secretary