

ESD #8 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST 24, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by President Elmore

All Commissioners were present at the meeting.

2, The pledge was led by President Elmore and the Invocation was given by Fire Chief Ned

3. Commissioner Elmore recognized County Commissioner Damon Bejerle.

4. No citizens signed up to speak about items not on the agenda.

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6. The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Elmore made motion to accept, 2nd was made by Commissioner Ewart. There was no discussion. The motions passed.

7. Commissioner Ewart presented the treasurer's report. Property Tax collected up through July 31 was \$1555.03. Sales Tax collected through July 31 was \$21,173.07. As of Aug 24, \$927.93 in property tax was collected and \$24,123.51 in sales tax was collected for the same time period. As of July 31 the bank balance was \$123,546.34 and is \$145,629.65 as of August 24th. The Contingency account account balance on July 31 was \$216,539.36 and is at \$101,539.36. This amount was reduced by \$115,000 due to the check written to the department for Briggs station construction costs.

Commissioner Butler made motion to accept, Commissioner Eaton seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passed.

8. a The Oakalla VFD activity report was reviewed. The response time this month was 8 minutes. Some discussion regarding a call for a "controlled burn" even though it was done during a burn ban, It is under investigation by the county .

b. Some discussion regarding the \$120,000 payment and the \$116,000 payments from the ESD to the department for building construction.

c. Fire Chief Ned updated the ESD on the new building; Electrical to pad site was paid for, bids are out for driveway entrance, and well installer is ready to begin as soon as electricity is installed. The department has purchased a used Tanker truck with a sleeper that they will fit up with the old tank. The department named a new Assistant Chief, A Captain, and a Medical Officer.

9. i. Payment of regular bills: A check for reimbursement to Commissioner Ewart was presented in the amount of \$1662.63 to pay for a new computer used for accounting.

Another check for \$1195.00 was presented for payment to Carlton Law Firm for negotiations with Briggs Community Center

A third check was presented in the amount of \$110 to Carlton Law Firm for normal ESD meeting agenda review.

A motion by Commissioner Elmore was made to approve the payments, and was seconded by Commissioner Butler. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

ii. Commissioner Elmore asked Commissioner Shamard to be in charge of setting up a website for the ESD #8. He accepted. A motion made by Commissioner was made for Commissioner Shamard to handle the website, motion was seconded by Commissioner Butler. Some discussion regarding tagging on to different websites that were already up and running. James to follow-up. The motion passed.

iii. Discuss and approve the OVFD Final budget for 2021. There was a lot of discussion regarding this budget mostly due to the projected year end deficit of \$46,000. This budget was based on the last 12 months of collections of Property Tax and Sales Tax. The consensus was that this number would be much higher next year due to better capture of sales tax and higher property values. Also , more roof tops are under construction which will lead to more collected funds not only by property tax but also sales tax as well.

Commissioner Ewart made motion to approve the 2021 budget. The motion was seconded b Commissioner Eaton. No discussion. The motion passed.

iv. A motion was made by Commissioner Elmore to retain a ESD tax rate of .10/\$100. This amount is same as previous year but will result in a 3.06% increase in dollars collected due to the growth in the area and increasing appraised values. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

v. Commissioner Elmore received Verbal approvals from each of the 5 commissioners to adopt the Ordering Levying Taxes with the Burnet County Assessor/Collector.

vi. Commissioner Elmore made a motion to post the adopted tax rate to the ESD website once it is up and running. Commissioner Shamard seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passed.

vii Most of the new fire station update wast discussed in 8.c above. It was noted that a structural engineer was working on slab specs.

10. No progress has been made in the litigation against Briggs Community

Center regarding the land lease for the water storage tank. Some discussion regarding paying the attorneys for this. It was decided that Commissioners Butler and Shamard would try to set up a meeting with a couple of members of the Briggs Community Center to try to come to some sort of settlement regarding this issue to keep from spending money on attorneys.

11. Motion made by Commissioner Ewart to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Shamard seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Brian Butler, Secretary ESD #8