

ESD #8 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING October 26, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order by president Elmore at 6:45 pm on October 26,2020.
2. The pledges were said by all led by president Elmore.
3. The citizens were welcomed by president Elmore. No elected officials were in attendance.
4. No citizens signed up to speak on non-agenda items.
5. No citizens signed up to speak on agenda items.
6. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Ewart made motion to accept, Seconded by Commissioner Elmore. No discussion. The motion passed.
7. The treasurer's report was presented by Commissioner Ewart. Property tax collected for September was \$1120.96. Sales tax collected for the same period was \$20,726.87. As of October 23 Property tax collected has been \$870.66. Our October sales tax check was \$16,636.33. The bank balance as of 9/30/2020 was \$92,047.62. The bank balance on October 26 is \$108,391.11.

The ESD contingency account balance as of October 26 is \$101,559.59. Commissioner Butler made motion to accept report and was seconded by Commissioner Shamard. No discussion. The motion passed.

8. a. The service provider report was reviewed and the response time average remains at an impressive 10 minutes.
 - b. OVFD financials were reviewed with little discussion.
 - c. Fire Chief's report. Chief Ned discussed progress at Briggs station. Entrance is complete. Trench is cut for the underground electrical service. Well service bids are still coming in. They have been working in the community for fire prevention at the Red Barn farmers market. Firefly has committed a donation of \$3700 to the department for all of its help with the several calls they have responded to there and their open communication on how to make their site safer for employees and first responders.

They have also modified the water truck by adding a 5" valve to it decreasing the fill time by more than half.

The gun show was a success and income is expected to be about the same as last year.

He also reminded that the Fajita Dinner / Auction is scheduled for November 7.

9. i. Commissioner Ewart presented a bill from ESD attorneys in the amount of \$1115.50. This bill was for their overseeing of the annual budget process and setting the annual tax rate. Motion made to pay was made by Commissioner Butler with a second by Commissioner Elmore. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

ii. No investments to review.

iii. Review of the district website was discussed by Commissioner Shamard. The framework has been built by the county and Commissioner Shamard will finish it.

iv. Commissioner Butler made a motion to use Taber and Burnett to audit the ESD for the annual audit as long as their quote does not exceed a 10% increase from the prior years service. A second was made by Commissioner Elmore. No discussion. The motion passed.

V. Discussion regarding the 6 hours of training required for Commissioners. All commissioners are current except for new Commissioner Shamard who has already begun his training online.

vi. Commissioner Elmore made a motion to move the November meeting back one week to November 30th, 2020 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Commissioner Ewart seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passed.

vii. The inside layout has been completed for the new fire station. Engineering specs expected soon. Well bids coming in.

10. Ongoing Legal action with Briggs Community Center. Commissioner Butler presented documents given by Crystal Reed from BCC showing checks that were made to ESD intending on reimbursing it for the grants given to pay for the tanks originally. There was also a contract drafted by the BCC attorney intended to lease the tanks/real estate occupied by the tanks to the ESD. A motion was made by Commissioner Elmore to drop the lawsuit against Briggs Community Center. A second was made by Commissioner Butler. Discussion was made that BCC by certified letter had given OVFD access to these tanks for fire protection in the community and the ESD would not enter into a lease with BCC. It was also noted that several nearby locations had given their consent to the fire department to access their water storage tanks. New ones will also be installed at the new Briggs station. The motion passed.

11. Next meeting will be November 30, 2020 at 6:45pm.

12. At 7:29 a motion to adjourn was Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Ewart. No discussion. The motion passed.

Secretary Brian Butler
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