

ESD #8 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING JULY 27, 2020

The monthly meeting for ESD #8 was held at 6:45pm on July 27,2020 at the Oakalla VFD station

1. Commissioner Elmore called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.
2. Commissioner Elmore led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. County commissioner Beierle led the Invocation.
3. Chris Hall and Rob Coolan from Firefly were recognized as special guests at the meeting. They spoke about wanting to work with the community and the fire department. They were recognized as a possible rain runoff storage source with all of their roof space.
4. No citizens signed up to speak on items not on agenda.
5. Citizen comments on agenda items - see Firefly item 3. Above
6. Approve minutes from June 22. Commissioner Elmore made motion to approve minutes, Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed, there was no discussion.
7. Review posted treasurer's report for the month of June, 2020. June property tax was \$2858.71. Sales tax was \$19,175.42.
As of June 27th BCAD tax deposits are \$1555.03. The July sales tax check was \$21,173.07. As of June 30 the bank balance was \$221,280.49, and the bank balance as of July 27 was \$244,008.59. The contingency account balance as of 6/30 was \$216,520.97.
Commissioner Butler made motion to accept this report, and was seconded by Commissioner Shamard.
8. Report of Service Provider in Diatricht:
 - i. Average response for OVFD is 10 minutes. This is a consistent time for them providing quick response.
 - ii. Oakalla FD financials were reviewed with little discussion.
 - iii. Fire chief's report:
 - Chief said he is naming an assistant chief and a medical officer at their next meeting.
 - He is also working closely with Firefly to provide safe coverage for their facility.
 - He said the department has resumed weekly fire fighter training and medical training as well.
 - Chief has had discussions with the developers of the Miller Creek subdivision and they have agreed to give access to 32k tank with a hookup for the water tanker truck.
9. Consider and take actions on:
 - i. Approve payments to Carlton Law in the amounts of \$1296.25 and \$1746. Annual ESD liability insurance for \$1420. Commissioner Elmore made motion to pay, Commissioner Eaton seconded the motion. Some discussion regarding extra liability insurance for the ESD but no action taken. The motion passed.
 - ii. Discussion led by Chief about purchasing a new pumper truck with an approximate costs of around \$420k. It was eventually decided that it would be needed soon with the growing population but could not be afforded at the same time they are building a new fire station in Briggs.
 - iii. This item was discussed last meeting
 - iv. The tax rate notices for 2021 will be published in the Burnet Bulletin newspaper. Motion made by Commissioner Ewart, seconded by Commissioner Elmore. No discussion. The motion passed.
 - v. (see comments above on 3.)
 - vi. Discussion about future Briggs fire station.
 1. Permit for TXDOT drive entrance approved/received. PEC electric quote received for a 3 phase service. A lot of discussion regarding why the department was requesting 3 phase service which was driving the cost up.
 2. Discussion regarding finances to begin construction. A motion made by Commissioner Ewart was made to distribute \$236k of ESD funds to OVFD for daily operations, procurement of equipment, and site preparation for the new fire station in Briggs. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Butler. No discussion, the motion passed.

10. Pending litigation: Commissioner Elmore made a motion to stop litigation against former Briggs fire department and 3 other individuals involved as the issue has been settled. Litigation with Briggs Community Center is still ongoing but with optimism that it will be settled at next meeting.

11. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Butler, second by Commissioner Eaton. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Brian Butler, secretary ESD #8