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## CALLED BOARD MEETING

### PALO PINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 Minutes

Palo Pinto County Emergency Services District # 1 Board met on the 8th day of December 2022 at 5:30pm in the Possum Kingdom ESD Building, 55 South FM 2353, Graford, Texas 76449.

The following subjects were discussed, considered, passed, or adopted to-wit. President Tye Jackson called the meeting to Order at 5:35pm.

- Call to order and establish quorum. ESD Commissioners present were Tye Jackson, Mike Henderson, Brent Nance and Carolyn Land. A quorum was established. Mistie Garland was in attendance. Gary Word did not attend.
- Public Comments and Announcements – Dustin Benthall spoke to the Board about getting together with the volunteers as an Operation group. They were concerned about all the fires that Palo Pinto County fought this year. Their concern is the toll that was taken on all the fire trucks in the County. Group came up with list of County trucks. Tenders transport the water to all the fires. They concentrated their study of Department tenders. The average age of tenders in the County is 27 years old. Gordon and Lone Camp have tender that are 34 years old. Many trucks are held together with duct tape and bailing wire. In past years volunteers would continue to work on vehicles to patch them back together. Main reason the Operation group brought to ESD's attention is length of time to place an order and receive a trucks. Volunteers keep on putting band aids on trucks that is not going to keep Departments up and running. The group wanted to ask ESD to commit to purchase 5 tender trucks. All Departments would be asked to apply for TFS grants. There was discussion about the current price tag on a tender. The group recommended that new tenders should be located in Palo Pinto VFD and Mineral Wells. The tender locations in the center of the County would positionally provide the best service. New tenders would help with ISO ratings because of more available water. The group was hopeful that 2 trucks could be obtained through grants and 3 trucks would need to be financed with payments. Texas Forest Service grants available for application for all Departments. All tenders would be equipped with the same equipment. There was discussion.
- Approve/Amend/Discuss Minutes of previous meeting-Land-Minutes November 14,2022- Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for November 14, 2022 as written. Brent second. Motion passed 4-0.
- Treasurer Report/Approve- Mistie- Mistie provided a report for each checking account:
- Report/Discussion Money Market Account-
  - Reconciliate bank statement- Mike made a motion to approve the reconciliation of the Money Market account as presented. Brent second. Motion passed 4-0.
- Regular checking
  - Reconciliate the bank statement- Both the bank statement and check book were provided. Mike made a motion to approve the reconciliation of the bank statement. Brent second. Motion passed 4-0.
  - Approval of accounts payable- Invoices were provided for review. Mike made a motion to pay accounts payable. Brent second. Motion passed 4-0.
  - Amend 2022 Budget- Mike made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Brent second. Motion passed 4-0.
- Sales Tax checking

- Reconciliate the bank statement-Both the bank statement and check book were provided for Commissioners review. Mike made motion to approve the reconciliation of the bank statement. Brent second. Motion passed 4-0.
- Approval of accounts payable- All Sales tax invoices were provided for review by Commissioners. Mike made a motion to approve payment of accounts payable. Brent second. Motion passed 4-0.
- Amend 2022 EMS Budget- Tye made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Brent second. Motion passed 4-0.
- PK Building checking
  - Reconciliate bank statement- Both the bank statement and check book were provided. Mike made motion to approve the reconciliation of the PK building account. Brent second. Motion passed 4-0.
- Report Order Authorizing Fees for Certain Emergency, Fire and Rescue Services- Mistie reported sending the paperwork from all the Departments that submitted to the Company that was hired to do the control burn. The letter was sent certified mail and a notice was returned signed.
- Consider/Approve/Mineral Wells Fire tax funds- There was discussion to pay Mineral Wells Fire Department their portion of the tax funds. Mike made motion to pay Mineral Wells Fire. Brent second. Motion passed 4-0.
- Approve/Report Radio install/programing/performance FireNet Tower operations – Mike Simpson sent the report that outlined the work to be done on the towers. Carolyn made motion to approve the work on the towers. Mike second. Motion passed 4-0. This project will place Quantar devices at all towers. Payment will be made for \$26,200. After work is completed a final balance will be paid.
- Approve /Reject bids from Fire Departments for equipment purchased in excess of \$50,000.00 dollars. No bids were received.
- Review 911 Call Sheets/Sacred Cross- Dustin provided a report. He reported Sacred Cross had hired new personal. Sacred Cross is working on a new contract with Palo Pinto General to make transports. In April, Sacred Cross going back to Stephens County. Seventy- six 911 calls were received in November.
- Report Sacred Cross Grant application- Grants for EMS are being researched. Paramedic classes are being offered for 3 ½ weeks at A&M. Classes are 8am-5pm and are free.
- Report 911 Call Sheets Volunteer Fire Department -Mistie reported Palo Pinto County fire department calls. She provided a handout that she printed from the Sheriff's website page. Mineral Wells provided a report of all their calls to date.
- Discuss/Consider report for ESD PK Building 55 S FM2353, Gordon EMS Building & Graford VFD Building- Report on buildings was included in Dustin's 911 report. We are still looking for a plumber/mason repair person for the Graford building.
- Set date for next meeting- The next meeting was scheduled for January 9, 2023, Monday. SAF-D Conference will be held at the Kalahari Resort in Round Rock, February 1-4, 2023.
- Adjourn- The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Dated this the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2022

By Carolyn Land Carolyn Land, Secretary

Any member of the public who desires to address the Board regarding a specific item on the Agenda will have the opportunity to address the ESD Board when that Agenda item is discussed. Comments of the public are limited to 3 minutes unless the speaker requires the assistance of a translator, in which case the speaker is limited to 6 minutes. Individual Board members will also have the right to question the public on Agenda items.

The Palo Pinto County Emergency Services District #1 Board reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of the meeting to discuss any of the item listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.073 [Consultation with Attorney], 551.072 [Deliberations about Real Property], 551.073 [Deliberations about gifts and donations], 551.074 [Personnel matters], 551.076 [Deliberations about security devices], and 551.086 [Economic development]. Before any closed meeting is convened, the Presiding Officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions or decisions will be taken in open meeting.