

Hays County ESD #4—Wimberley Fire Rescue Meeting Minutes

For the Board of Commissioners Meeting Held on July 27, 2021

- 1. Vice President John White called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
- 2. Commissioners present were John White, Joe Pendleton, Chuck Ware, and Fire Chief Czichos, Assistant Chief Robbins, and special guest Larry Coker. Ron Spangenberg was absent. A quorum was present.
- 3. Public Comment: No Public sign in.
- 4. Receive June 1 30, 2021 monthly report from the Treasurer and consider; a) approval of payment of monthly bills, invoices, and payroll: EFT payments: Three to Pedernales Electric, and one each to Time Warner, Intuit and Visa. Two payroll transactions and one payment to U.S. Treasury. Checks: 5353-5378 were written, 5359 & 5363 were voided. And b) approval of Statement of Financial Position, Income Statement of Budget Performance and reconciliation summaries of ESD 4's Ozona bank accounts. Treasurer's Summary Report:

Income for June 2021	\$	70,148.36
Year-to-Date Income	\$	2,032,126.09
Expenses for June 2021	\$	71,673.34
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$	988,490.57
Budget Balance	\$	1,043,635.52
Current Assets (Incl. CD's)	\$	3,250,460.32
Value of Three CD's	\$	93,781.84
Cash Assets	\$	3,156,678.48
Liabilities	\$	130,279.57

Net Sales and Use Tax Received: \$ 46,091.48 Ad Valorem Collected: \$ 22,058.72

Third Quarter FY-2020 - 2021 - (March 25, 2020 - June 25, 2021)

			Value at	Value at	Interest
Acct. No.	Date Acquired	Maturity Date	Beginning of Qtr	End of Qtr	Earned
305484	07/25/2011	07/25/2021	\$52,072.05	\$52,104.87	\$32.82
305485	07/25/2017	07/25/2021	\$31,403.06	\$31,422.85	\$19.79
306297	09/06/2017	09/06/2021	\$10,247.72	\$10,254.12	\$ 6.40

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report for payments for the month made via check and EFT, Financial Reports, Assets, Income Statements, Sales and Use Tax and Ad Valorem revenue, account reconciliation and Third Quarterly Investment Report was made by Joe Pendleton and seconded by Chuck Ware. The Motion was unanimously approved.

5. Receive monthly report from Fire Chief regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities and career and volunteer personnel; Assistant Chief Robbins reported that there were 37 calls including 9 medical calls, 7 motor vehicle collisions, 3 alarm system calls. One call was a person who was trapped under a vehicle tire. WFR and EMS

- worked in tandem with WFR staff lifting the vehicle and EMS treating and transporting. Assistant Chief Robbins reported Dispatch has corrected the inaccurate response time problems that have been occurring. Response times are generally 7 minutes, 45 seconds to arrive on-scene; with departure from the station at 60-180 seconds. No action necessary.
- 6. Receive Fire Chief's report on apparatus, equipment, repairs, and item purchases; Chief Czichos reported the siren in R-47 is not operating. It will be repaired if possible, or a new siren will need to be purchased. Fire Chief Czichos, Assistant Fire Chief Robbins, and volunteer Justin Transeau met Lt. Travis Maher at Texas A&M to examine the various apparatus. A Rescue Pumper would be beneficial to WFR; and it will be part of the long-range plan. Chief Czichos stated the order to replace broken snow chain is being submitted to the vendor. No action at this time.
- 7. Receive monthly report from District's attorney regarding pending litigation matters, contract issues, and legislative efforts and consider taking related action; Mr. White stated no pending litigation and no action taken at this time.
- 8. See the attached Supplemental Agenda for Election Items:
 - 1. Discuss and consider approval of an Order Adopting and Implementing the Use of Direct Recording Electronic Voting Systems in Addition to Paper Ballots in District Elections; Mr. Joe Pendleton made a motion to approve the Order Adopting and Implementing the Use of Direct Recording Electronic Voting Systems in Addition to Paper Ballots in District Elections in addition to paper ballots in the November 2nd, 2021, election. Motion was seconded by Mr. Chuck Ware. The motion passed unanimously.
 - 2. Discuss and consider approval of the Resolution Authorizing Secretary's Appointment of Agent to Perform Duties during Election Period; Discussion occurred on appointing Angel Robinson as Agent, however there were remaining questions by Board members. Mr. John White recommended consulting with the District's attorney to answer any questions. Action on this item is postponed until the August 4, 2021, meeting. No action taken at this time.
 - 3. Discuss and consider approval of the Contract for Election Services and Joint Election Agreement, including Resolution Approving Contract for Election Services and Joint Election Agreement; Mr. Chuck Ware made a motion to approve the Contract for Election Services and Joint Election Agreement, including Resolution Approving Contract for Election Services and Joint Election Agreement. Mr. Joe Pendleton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - 4. Discuss and consider approval of the Order Calling Election to Change the Maximum Ad Valorem Tax Rate within the District for November 2, 2021; Mr. Chuck Ware made a motion to approve the Order Calling for an Election to Change the Maximum Ad Valorem Tax Rate. Mr. Joe Pendleton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - 5. Authorize District's attorney to give Notice of Election for November 2, 2021; and
 - 6. Any other matters in connection with the District's November 2, 2021, Election. Mr. Chuck Ware made a motion to authorize the District's attorney to give Notice of Election for November 2, 2021, and any other matters in connection with the District's

- November 2, 2021, Election. Mr. Pendleton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9. Discuss and consider the planning/project status on the Central Station Addition; Chief Czichos states there is nothing new to report. No action taken at this time.
- 10. Discuss and consider approval of the final contract with G Creek Construction; Chief Czichos states the contract is in the process of being finalized with our attorneys. No action taken at this time.
- 11. Discuss and consider website status, accessibility, posting requirements and take any related action; Angel Robinson confirmed tracking the calendar and information that is required on the website. Postings will occur in-house. No action necessary.
- 12. Discuss and consider Government Capital's financing proposal, approval of Government Capital's resolution for financing, and authorizing signature authority to President Spangenberg and countersigning authority to Vice President White for execution of financing documents; Angel Robinson explained the financing documents will be reviewed by the attorney and executed after the construction contract is signed. Mr. John White asked that a letter of commitment be sent to Government Capital if one has not been transmitted. No action at this time.
- 13. Discuss and consider American Rescue Plan funding request to Hays County; Angel Robinson reported the application packet, previously reported to the Board, was sent to Commissioner Shell and the Assistant County Auditor. Included was a description of the living and sleeping conditions at the Station and rationale on why it is imperative to create safe living and sleeping spaces to help maintain healthy personnel and reduce opportunities for cross contamination. The application included Central Station's Addition construction costs, pre-bid expenses to date, as well as salary and benefits for Covid-19 related time off and over-time, and direct costs paid for prevention and decontamination. Chief Czichos stated that the Commissioners are going to be dispersing the funds on a "case by case" basis. Chief Czichos said that information should be available in the near future. No further action taken at this time.
- 14. Discuss and consider purchase of additional rescue and fire suppression equipment; Chief Czichos stated new rescue ropes are needed to replace older unusable ropes. No action at this time
- 15. Discuss and consider seeking out different retirement plan for eligible personnel; Angel Robinson reported Texas County and District Retirement System should provide retirement options and their associated costs week of August 9, 2021. No further action taken at this time.
- 16. Discuss and consider the pursuit of land/property for future Fire Station(s); Chief Czichos spoke with the attorney for the property owner. He reported the contractual documentation is drafted for the owner to review and sign after he returns from travel. No further action taken at this time.
- 17. Discuss and consider long range planning; Mr. Chuck Ware stated that constructive long-range planning is contingent on the success of FEMA grant applications, potential The American Rescue Plan funding, and finalizing property acquisition, among other current activities. No further action taken at this time.

- 18. Discuss and consider notification of the subdivision of property; no notifications at this time.
- 19. Discuss and consider approval of reimbursement requests; no requests at this time.
- 20. Discuss and consider approval of minutes from June 2021; Mr. Chuck Ware made a motion to approve the June minutes as presented. Mr. Joe Pendleton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 21. Discuss future agenda items, time, date and place for next meeting; a Special Called Meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., and a second Special Called Meeting and Public Hearing on the Tax Rate is scheduled on August 17, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.
- 22. Budget Workshop; no action taken at this time.
- 23. Adjourned at 9:39am

Respectfully

Joe Pendleton, Secretary