

Hays County ESD #4—Wimberley Fire Rescue
Meeting Minutes

Original

For the Board of Commissioners Meeting Held on December 31, 2022

1. President Ron Spangenberg called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Commissioners present were President Ron Spangenberg, Vice President John White, Mr. Joe Pendleton, Mr. Chuck Ware, and Mr. Larry Coker. Also present, Assistant Fire Chief Christopher Robbins, Executive Assistant Angel Robinson, and Administrative Assistant Sydney Johnson. Fire Chief Carroll Czichos was not present. A quorum was present.
3. Public comment: No Public sign in. No Public comments. Two members of the public in attendance along with three Wimberley Fire Rescue Fire Fighters.
4. Public comment on agenda items; No Public comments.
5. Receive final November 1 - 30, 2022, monthly report from the Treasurer and consider; a) approval of payment of monthly bills, invoices, and payroll: EFT/ACH payments: 3 to Pedernales Electric Co-op, 2 to TCDRS, 2 to US Treasury, and 4 for Nov. 2022 payroll. Checks 5909 -- 5941 were written, No checks were voided. And b) Review Statement of Financial Position, Income Statement of Budget Performance, and reconciliation summaries of ESD 4's Ozona bank accounts.

Treasurer's Summary Report for November 2022:

Income for November 2022	80,508.08
Year-to-Date Income	152,575.16
Expenses for November 2022	159,026.57
Year-to-Date Expenses	358,160.75
Budget Balance	(205,585.59)
Current Cash Assets	3,025,303.35
A/R 60 Day Sales & Use Process	111,056.00
Liabilities	775,454.96

Gross Special Purpose District S & U	\$ 71,900.70
Net Sales and Use Tax Received:	\$ 70,212.51
Ad Valorem Collected:	\$ 8,915.84

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report for November 2022, as presented, including the financial reports, and revenue, was made by Mr. Pendleton, and seconded by Mr. Coker. The Motion was unanimously approved.

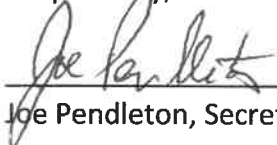
6. Receive monthly report from Fire Chief regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities, career, and volunteer personnel. Assistant Fire Chief Robbins began his report informing the Board of the passing of Captain Travis Maher, a 25-year veteran member of Wimberley Fire Rescue. Travis was one of ten firefighters from Austin FD who responded to the September 11, 2001, attack on the United States. He responded to Ground Zero as a member of TX Task Force 1, and he was a proud graduate of Texas A&M University. Travis headed Incident Command during the 2015 Wimberley Floods and directed first responder activities for the Wimberley community. Travis passed on December 28, 2022,

after a 6-month battle with stomach cancer. Assistant Chief Robbins shared how Travis touched a lot of lives over 25-years with WFR. Travis served this department and the Wimberley community with honor, integrity, and always humility. Travis will be missed by many in our department and community. Assistant Chief Robbins reported several firefighters are interested in attending Fire Inspector 1 and 2 training in January. In February two firefighters will attend an "Active Assailant/Initial Response - Train the Trainer" class to qualify to teach Active Shooter classes. Robbins is looking into Senate Bill 8, a grant program funded by the State of Texas for \$21.7 million to go towards individuals who want additional medical training. Four firefighters are interested in obtaining their paramedic certification and could benefit from this program. Assistant Chief Robbins reported there have been over 900 calls in 2022, an increase of 175 calls over 2021. This trend is consistent over the past two years. He is anticipating a dramatic increase next year as we will be First Responding with EMS starting October 2023, when additional firefighters are hired. Firefighters can then be dispatched on the initial response, meeting the Fire Service Standard of Operation. Calls by District – box 40 had the highest call volume followed by 41 & 43, then 44, then 1245 & 4012 (shared territory with North Hays). A total of 79 runs in December. 158 medical calls this year to date. Assistant Chief Robbins reported that LCRA plans to reprogram every radio in the County so all agencies are working on the same system. This will be at no cost to the department, paid for by the County. Upcoming in 2023, WFR will be hosting Fire Instructor 1, Fire Officer 1, and Incident Safety Officer training for the County. Robbins reported, on December 11, 2022, there was a mass incident involving two cars with six patients. Five medic units and two helicopters responded. There were two extrications. At last update, all injured patients were improving; a testament to the quality of work by WFR staff. No action taken at this time.

7. Receive Fire Chief's report on apparatus, equipment, repairs, and item purchases. Assistant Fire Chief Robbins reported CAF's 40 was down for a short time due to an O-ring failure and batteries off-gassing. This has been repaired. All other apparatuses are operational and in service. The new Rescue Pumper is nearing plant completion, then will go to Houston for final signage and outfitting. No action taken.
8. Receive monthly report from District's attorney regarding pending litigation matters, contract issues, and legislative efforts and consider taking related action. No pending litigation. No action taken at this time.
9. Discuss and consider attending February 2-4, 2023 SAFE-D Conference, take any related action. Executive Assistant Angel Robinson reported that Sydney Johnson reserved six rooms at the Wingate by Wyndham Round Rock Hotel for those who plan to attend the conference. Current headcount: Mr. Coker, Mr. Pendleton, President Spangenberg, Chief Czichos, and Angel Robinson will attend. No action taken at this time.
10. Discuss and consider Central Station addition, change orders, final payment, construction update, material delays and increase amount of the GC contract to reflect approved change orders, and review Additional Service Fees beyond the Architect's contract to reflect work performed beyond contract; take any related action. President Rob Spangenberg reported that they are working on finalizing the contract requirements with G Creek and the Architect. He expects that we will have some additional expenses beyond the contracted amount. They plan to meet with the Architect on January 3rd to discuss the final payment, finalizing the project. No actions taken at this time.

11. Discuss and consider pursuing ARP funds to purchase apparatus or real property, review current County distributions of ARP funds; take any related action. President Spangenberg reported they are going to continue to work with Mr. Shell on the District's request for ARP funds, though they do not expect to receive any ARP funds at this time. Angel Robinson reported that Chief Czichos has provided Mr. Shell with the building costs of the new addition for him to review. No action taken at this time.
12. Discuss and consider pursuing additional property, take any related action. No new information to report. No action taken at this time.
13. Discuss and consider long range, strategic plan development for apparatus, property acquisition, fire station construction, personnel and associated pro forma financial statements; take any related action. Mr. Ware shared this is still a priority and is being worked on. No action taken.
14. Discuss and consider Authorizing Chief Czichos to pursue Grant Funds to fund replacement of the ladder training tower, take any related action. President Spangenberg reported that due to the old training tower being removed, we are in need of a replacement. This project is not in the budget for this year, however we can pursue Grant funds through PEC or LCRA. Mr. Ware made a motion to Authorize Chief Czichos to pursue grant funds for the replacement tower. Mr. Pendleton seconded the motion. The Motion was unanimously approved.
15. Discuss and consider remodel of PPE gear room and shop, take any related action. Nothing new to report at this time. No action taken.
16. Discuss and consider Part Time Fire Inspector and Part Time Fire Investigator, take any related action. No action taken.
17. Discuss and consider purchase of furnishings and other items for living quarters, take any related action. The six recliners have been received and are in the new living quarters. We are still waiting for one piece of gym equipment to come back into stock. No action taken at this time.
18. Discuss and consider notification of the subdivision of property; take any related action. No subdivisions notifications received. No action taken.
19. Discuss and consider approval of reimbursement requests; take any related action. No reimbursement requests submitted this time. No action taken.
20. Discuss and consider approval of minutes from November 29, 2022. All minutes were prepared and presented. Mr. Ware made a motion to approve as presented. Mr. Coker seconded the motion. The Motion was unanimously approved.
21. Discuss and consider future agenda items, time, date, and place for next meeting. Assistant Chief Robbins requested wages and benefits adjustment be discussed at the next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at 111 Green Acres Drive in Wimberley, TX.
22. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully,



Joe Pendleton, Secretary