

Hays County ESD #4—Wimberley Fire Rescue
Meeting Minutes

For the Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting Held on August 2, 2022

1. President Ron Spangenberg called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.
2. Commissioners present were Mr. Ron Spangenberg, Mr. Chuck Ware, Mr. Joe Pendleton, Mr. John White, and Mr. Larry Coker. Also present were Assistant Fire Chief Robbins, Executive Assistant Angel Robinson. Fire Chief Carroll Czichos joined the meeting during budget discussion. A quorum was present.
3. Public comment: No Public sign in. No Public comments
4. Discuss and consider taking action regarding 2022-2023 budget; President Spangenberg presented the proposed budget in the amount of 2,164,358.25, using no new tax rate calculation. He reviewed anticipated increases and changes from the 2021-2022 budget. Health insurance and general liability insurance costs are budgeted at a higher rate. Discussion occurred on raising the District's contribution to TCDRS retirement fund from 1.5% to 2%, 2.25% or 2.50%. The Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet was presented with a No New Tax Rate of 0.041030/\$100, a Voter-approval tax rate of 0.042470/\$100 and a De minimis rate of 0.053260/\$100. Discussion occurred on the different tax rates and the potential impact of each. The need for property for a new station and replacing CAFS-40, as well as adding new apparatus, was discussed. The Commissioners discussed the effort in the previous years to keep the tax rate as low as possible. Currently, the population growth in the community has shown no sign of slowing and the District revenue must increase to provide adequate services as needed. No action taken at this time.
5. Discuss and consider taking action regarding 2022 tax rate, including:
 - A. *Establishing proposed tax rate*; President Spangenberg stated he would like to entertain a motion for a proposed tax rate. Mr. Joe Pendleton made a motion to set a tax rate of \$0.053 cents per \$100 property value. Mr. Chuck Ware seconded the motion. Record vote:
 - Mr. Larry Coker voted yea
 - Mr. John White voted yea
 - Mr. Joe Pendleton voted yea
 - Mr. Chuck Ware voted yea
 - President Spangenberg abstainedPresident Spangenberg stated the motion passed unanimously.
 - B. *Taking record vote and scheduling public hearing*; President Spangenberg stated he would entertain a motion for the Board to schedule a public hearing on September 13, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at 111 Green Acres Dr. Wimberley, TX 78676; and,
 - C. *Authorizing publication of "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" in the Wimberley View*; President Spangenberg also entertained the Board's authorization to publish the "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" in the Wimberley View as a part of the motion; and,

- D. *Acknowledging and approving posting of Notice About 2022 Tax Rates and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" to home page of District website*; President Spangenberg also entertained in the motion, acknowledging and approving posting of Notice About 2022 Tax Rates and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" to home page of the District website. Mr. Chuck Ware made a motion to schedule a public hearing on September 13, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at 111 Green Acres Dr. Wimberley, TX 78676; to publish the "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" in the Wimberley View; and acknowledging and approving publication of Notice About 2022 Tax Rates and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" to the District's home page on its website. Mr. Joe Pendleton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Discuss and consider change orders, construction update, material delays and increase amount of the GC contract to reflect approved change orders, take any related action; Fire Chief Czichos reported the punch list is being completed, the gym equipment is being set up and the ice machine is being installed. No action taken.
 7. Discuss and consider Ozona Bank Certificates of Deposits, possible reinvestment, take any related action; President Spangenberg reported two of the District's CDs held at Ozona Bank matured on July 25, 2022. CD 305484 in the amount of \$52,235.29 and CD 305485 in the amount of \$31, 501.49 automatically renew on August 4, 2022, at .25% interest. He stated there are other investment firms offering secure investments at a higher rate that the Board can consider at a later date. Treasurer Chuck Ware made a motion to transfer the funds from CDs 305484 and 305485 to the District's Money Market account. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larry Coker. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Ware will provide a letter to Ozona Bank stating the Board's action.
 8. Discuss and consider purchase appliances and furnishings for Living Quarter Addition, take any related action; discussion occurred on the varying cost and quality of mattresses and a washer and dryer. Mr. Chuck Ware made a motion to allocate \$3,200 for four mattresses and \$2,000 for a washer and dryer for Central Station's Addition living quarters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larry Coker. The motion passed unanimously.
 9. Adjourned at 9:30am

Respectfully,



John White, Vice President