

SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT TWO

6:15 P.M. * Monday * August 13, 2018

14128 SH 110 South * Whitehouse, Texas 75791

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Randy Melton called the Smith County ESD #2 called board meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. Roll was called; five commissioners were present, Randy Melton, Charles Wilson, Leroy Biggers, Paul Perryman, and Earl Drott. It was certified that a quorum was present.

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE

This was done in the public hearing preceding this meeting.

3. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

This was done in the public hearing preceding this meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Melton gave the floor over to Taxpayer, Art Cameron who signed up for a public comment. Mr. Cameron stated he sees a lot of equipment wanting to be purchased on this agenda and wanted to say if this is all being purchased because there is left over money in the budget then that is wrong. This equipment only needs to be purchased if it is needed and was planned.

5. PRESENTATION FROM TEXAS COUNTY & DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM

President Melton introduced Kristina Fox with Texas County & District Retirement System. Mrs. Fox gave a presentation to the board explaining how their retirement system works and the different options on a plan SCESD2 can choose from. Chief Rozell stated he recommends that the board approve the retirement system to start during the 2018/2019 budget, the Full Time and Part Time firefighters who are going to stick around need a retirement option. He stated it is a good benefit; it will help with employee retention. He stated the plan he recommends is 4% put in by the employee with a 100% match from SCESD2, to be vested for retirement the employee has to be either 60 with 8 years of service, Rule of 80 (your age plus the years of service has to equal 80), or 30 years of service. Paul Perryman made a motion to approve the retirement plan with TCDRS to start October 1, 2018; 2nd by Charles Wilson; motion carried 5-0.

6. PURCHASING A THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA

Chief Rozell stated the current Thermal Imaging Camera Whitehouse VFD has is a loaner and they need their own. He sent quote requests to: Delta Industrial \$3,600, Chief's Supply \$3,945.53, and NAFECO \$3,985. Leroy Biggers made the motion to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera and go with the lower bid from Delta Industrial for \$3,600; 2nd by Charles Wilson; motion carried 5-0.

7. PURCHASING LOOSE EQUIPMENT FOR 3 NEW ENGINES

President Melton stated that in ordering three new fire engines in March, we will need equipment for them. The next few items on the agenda will be equipment for the new engines. Chief Rozell sent out quote requests to: MES (No Bid), Delta Industrial \$10,727.52 (Incomplete Bid), WEIS Fire \$12,764.97 (Incomplete Bid), Lonestar Emergency Group \$13,791.25 (Low Bid), NAFECO \$17,086.62, Metro Fire \$14,694, CASCO Industries \$14,442 for loose equipment that will go on the trucks. Paul Perryman made a motion to purchase the loose equipment for the 3 new engines and go with the lower bid from Lonestar Emergency Group for \$13,791.25; 2nd by Charles Wilson; motion carried 5-0.

8. PURCHASING 6 - TFT VORTEX CAFS NOZZLES AND 3 - 2½” PLAYPIPE WITH STACK TIPS

Chief Rozell sent out quote requests for 6 - TFT Vortex CAFS Nozzles and 3 - 2½” Playpipe with Stack Tips for the 3 new engines to: MES (No Bid), Delta Industrial (No Bid), WEIS Fire (No Bid), Lonestar Emergency Group \$6,526.05, NAFECO \$8,653.11, Metro Fire \$6,225 (Low Bid), CASCO Industries \$7,185. Charles Wilson made a motion to purchase 6 - TFT Vortex CAFS Nozzles and 3 - 2½” Playpipe with Stack Tips and go with the lower bid from Metro Fire for \$6,225; 2nd by Earl Drott; motion carried 5-0.

9. PURCHASING 9 - KOHECK LOW LEVEL STRAINERS

Chief Rozell sent out quote requests for 9 - Kocheck Low Level Strainers for the 3 new engines to: MES (No Bid), Delta Industrial (No Bid), WEIS Fire \$3,332.97, Lonestar Emergency Group \$3,116.32 (Low Bid), NAFECO \$3,541.32, Metro Fire \$3,285, CASCO Industries (No Bid). Charles Wilson made a motion to purchase 9 - Kocheck Low Level Strainers and go with the lower bid from Lonestar Emergency Group for \$3,116.32; 2nd by Paul Perryman; motion carried 5-0.

10. PURCHASING 3 - AKRON APOLLO DECK GUNS WITH STACK TIPS

Chief Rozell sent out quote requests for 3 - Akron Apollo Deck Guns with Stack Tips for the 3 new engines to: MES (No Bid), Delta Industrial (No Bid), WEIS Fire \$15,690, Lonestar Emergency Group \$9,138 (Low Bid), NAFECO \$9,636.75, Metro Fire (No Bid), CASCO Industries \$9,405. Leroy Biggers made a motion to purchase 3 - Akron Apollo Deck Guns with Stack Tips and go with the lower bid from Lonestar Emergency Group for \$9,138; 2nd by Earl Drott; motion carried 5-0.

11. PURCHASING LARGE DIAMETER ADAPTERS

Chief Rozell sent out quote requests for Large Diameter Adapters for the 3 new engines to: MES (No Bid), Delta Industrial \$4,058.69, WEIS Fire \$3,421.10, Lonestar Emergency Group \$3,414.83 (Low Bid), NAFECO \$3,637.31, Metro Fire \$3,721, CASCO Industries (No Bid). He stated the large diameter adapters are for hard suction hose to standardize all drafting appliances on all the apparatus. Charles Wilson made a motion to purchase the Large Diameter Adapters and go with the lower bid from Lonestar Emergency Group for \$3,414.83; 2nd by Paul Perryman; motion carried 5-0.

12. PURCHASING A DRAFT COMMANDER

Chief Rozell stated a month ago the WEIS Fire salesman brought their Draft Commander to the Maintenance Facility to demonstrate how it works. The Draft Commander is a pump tester for all apparatus that have a pump. He stated in the past years SCESD2 has had to pay for all the apparatus to get tested annually, with this Draft Commander it will be able to be done in-house. Paul Perryman made a motion to purchase the Draft Commander from WEIS Fire for \$79,900; 2nd by Charles Wilson; motion carried 5-0.

13. PURCHASING MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

Chief Rozell sent a quote request for miscellaneous equipment, vent saws, and rescue saws for the 3 new engines to: Roquemore’s Hardware \$8,827.34. Leroy Biggers made a motion to purchase miscellaneous equipment, vent saws, and rescue saws from Roquemore’s Hardware for \$8,827.34; 2nd by Earl Drott; motion carried 5-0.

14. PURCHASING 4 - 800 MGHZ RADIOS, 4 - VHF RADIOS, AND 8 - ANTENNA KITS

Chief Rozell stated the 3 new engines as well as the new tanker will need radios and antennas when they are received. He received a quote from Mobile Communications for 4 - 800 MGHZ Radios, 4 - VHF Radios, and 8 - Antenna Kits for \$11,375. Charles Wilson made a motion to purchase 4 - 800 MGHZ Radios, 4 - VHF Radios, and 8 - Antenna Kits for the 3 new engines and 1 tanker from Mobile Communications for \$11,375; 2nd by Earl Drott; motion carried 5-0.

15. PURCHASING A SELF-SUPPORTING ANTENNA TOWER

Director of IT, Larry Locke stated there is an issue at some stations that can't get high-speed internet access and for the ones that can it is at a high price. He stated with purchasing a self-supporting antenna tower to be located at the Whitehouse VFD an Air Fiber connection can be made to the surrounding departments. The Air Fiber connection will cut out the Internet costs at all the stations it can reach, providing a high speed access at 1.2 GB per second. He stated the total cost to purchase the tower and equipment with installation will be \$23,118.57. Earl Drott made a motion to purchase the Self-Supporting Antenna Tower for \$23,118.57; 2nd by Paul Perryman; motion carried 5-0.

16. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

President Melton stated the next Public Hearing will be at Smith County ESD #2, 14128 SH 110 South, Whitehouse, Texas 75791; Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.; the next board meeting will be Monday, August 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.; he declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Paul Perryman, Secretary/Treasurer