

SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT TWO

7:00 P.M. * Monday * April 27, 2015

14128 SH 110 South * Whitehouse, Texas 75791

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Smith County ESD #2 meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Randy Melton. Roll was called; all five commissioners were present: Randy Melton, Charles Wilson, Paul Perryman, Leroy Biggers, and Matt Thiessen. It was certified that a quorum was present.

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE

President Melton led the meeting in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

3. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

President Melton welcomed all guests to the meeting; he also introduced the new Bullard VFD Fire Chief Chris Walker, who is a full time fire fighter for Nacogdoches.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Noonday Fire Chief Howard Harris signed in for public comment; he stated that they now have an Emergency Response Vehicle from the Red Cross housed at their station; the Red Cross provides them with a fuel card and will pay for all maintenance on the vehicle; there will be no cost to the ESD.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Biggers made a motion to approve the a. March 23, 2015 regular meeting minutes; b. the financial reports as written; 2nd by Mr. Wilson; motion carried 5-0.

6. PAYMENTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve payment of bills: a. VFD Reimbursements – 11 March Packets for total of \$118,576.28; b. Current bills/quotes over \$2,000: Fire-Teck \$2,601.99 – Dixie VFD E-1 Repairs; 2nd by Mr. Biggers; motion carried 5-0.

c. Contract payments made – no action necessary: Squyres, Johnson, Squyres \$7,229.50 Final 2013/2014 Audit Fees; Mobile Communications \$2,920 – District Pagers; Fiscal 3rd Quarter Fire Department Contract Fees – Gladewater \$3,750, Mineola \$3,750, Van \$3,750;

7. RED SPRINGS VFD BRUSH #7 REPAIRS

President Melton turned the floor over to Chief Rozell to explain the repairs needed on Red Springs Brush #7; it could be anywhere from \$4,900 to \$7,230 depending on if the cylinder heads can be repaired or if they have to be replaced. It is a 2009 Ford Diesel; Mr. Wilson made a motion to spend up to \$7,230 to repair Red Springs Brush #7; 2nd by Mr. Perryman; motion carried 5-0.

8. FLINT-GRESHAM VFD PRESENTATION

President Melton introduced Flint-Gresham VFD Assistant Fire Chief Keith Tate who made a check presentation to Smith County ESD #2 for \$2,599; this represents four Texas A & M Forestry Service Grants that they received for training.

9. JACKSON HEIGHTS VFD

President Melton turned this over to Chief Rozell to present; he stated that Jackson Heights has been having a problem getting certified personnel in their department; right now there is only one and that is Chief Terence Thompson; we will be sending a letter to their board terminating the contract because of breach of contract; they do not have adequate manpower to provide the fire protection required in the contract. We will get behind them and give them a chance to revamp; build their department back up; but right now we have to do something; we are responsible to the citizens to make sure they have adequate emergency services, so as of tonight at 8:00 p.m. the ESD will be manning Jackson Heights Station #2 24/7 with 2 paid staff. He encouraged Chief Thompson and any of the other members to run calls along with the paid personnel; Chief John Hargis will be the interim chief over the paid staff. This will give Jackson Heights VFD time to build the department back up and it can be done; Mr. Thiessen made a motion to send the letter to the Jackson Heights VFD Board and to proceed with the staffing; 2nd by Mr. Perryman; motion carried 5-0.

10. IT COMMITTEE

Mr. Thiessen made a motion to hire Larry Locke as recommended by the IT Committee; 2nd by Mr. Perryman; motion carried 5-0.

11. CHIEF OF OPERATIONS REPORT

Chief Rozell stated that all departments need to make sure that they have beneficiary forms on file for all of their people; each department needs to turn in a new, up-to-date roster and he showed everyone a set of 5 collapsible cones that fit in a bag; stated that we have a good supply of these if any station needs them.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER REMARKS

President Melton stated that at the last meeting we had a presentation on the Chaplains Program for Smith County; a few days after that Chapel Hill VFD used Dr. Hanning on a call that they had; Chief Harris stated that Noonday VFD used him on a drowning they had on Lake Palestine. He then asked about the scene lights that were approved for each station; Chief Rozell stated that they have been ordered and should be received within the next week.

13. CLOSED SESSION

President Melton stated that the board would be going into a closed session at 7:14 p.m.

14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Returned to open session at 7:55; this session goes with Item #10 and Item #9.

15. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

President Melton stated the next regular board meeting will be at Smith County ESD #2, 14128 SH 110 South, Whitehouse, Texas 75791; Monday, May 18, 2014; a week early because of the Memorial Day holiday at 7:00 p.m.; he declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Paul Perryman, Secretary/Treasurer