

## SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT TWO

7:00 P.M. \* Monday \* June 25, 2018

14128 SH 110 South \* Whitehouse, Texas 75791

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Randy Melton called the Smith County ESD #2 board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called; four commissioners were present, Randy Melton, Charles Wilson, Paul Perryman, and Leroy Biggers; with Earl Drott absent. He certified that a quorum was present.

### 2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE

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

### 3. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

President Melton welcomed all guests to the meeting.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Melton stated 2 guests signed up for a public comment they both will be speaking during item #13, Jackson Heights Volunteer David Gerald and taxpayer Craig Licciardi.

### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

Paul Perryman made a motion to approve the (a.) minutes of the May 21, 2018 regular meeting as written; (b.) the May 2018 financial report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles Wilson; motion carried 4-0.

### 6. PAYMENTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Leroy Biggers made a motion to approve payment of bills: (a.) Current bills/quotes/checks over \$2,000; Card Service Center \$7,669.76 – District Credit Card; Jars Truck & Trailer \$9,587.70 – R/S E-1 Repairs; Checks Over \$2,000.00 – Ck #16929 \$4,576.69 Eagle Fuel & Oil, Ck #16995 \$3,955.28 Eagle Fuel & Oil, Ck #17023 \$2,434.70 Eagle Fuel & Oil, and all disbursement checks over \$2,000 in this month's check register included in the financials; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles Wilson; motion carried 4-0. (b.) Contract payments made – no action necessary: Mobile Communications \$2,738.25 – District Paging Services; Nextiva \$2,252.25 – District Phones/Fax; Reliant Energy \$5,368.79. – District Electric; Smith County Appraisal District \$19,806.50 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Appraisal District Fees Payment; Squyres, Johnson, Squyres \$21,033.35 – 2016/2017 Audit Payment; Suddenlink \$3,125.58 – District Internet Account; TML June 2018 \$6,399.30, TML July 2018 \$6,399.30 – Employee Medical Insurance; Verizon \$2,689.75 – District Wireless Account; SCESD2 Payroll \$62,165.55 – Date 05/25/2018, \$64,541.99 – Date 06/08/2018, \$63,508.04 – Date 06/22/2018.

### 7. TYLER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

TEDC President Tom Mullins introduced himself and Tom Ellis the COO of John Soules Foods. Mr. Mullins stated that TEDC has been working with John Soules Foods to add a new production line at its current location in Smith County. They are proposing a \$21 million investment in equipment and improvements that would create 50 new jobs. He is asking for the district to approve them a 5-year 100% tax abatement. Charles Wilson made a motion to approve the tax abatement agreement for John Soules Foods; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Perryman; motion carried 4-0.

### 8. GOLLOB MORGAN PETTY ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR 2018

Smith County ESD #2 received the engagement letter from Gollob Morgan Petty, who has been the accounting firm for the ESD for many years. Included in the engagement letter is their services and pricing as the accounting firm for SCESD2. Leroy Biggers made a motion to approve the Gollob Morgan Petty Engagement Letter for 2018; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles Wilson; motion carried 4-0.

## **9. BULLARD BRUSH TRUCK**

Bullard Fire Chief Justin Walker stated Bullard VFD received an old military vehicle donated by the Department of Defense that they would like to convert into a brush truck that will be capable to get through tough terrain. The price to convert the military vehicle into a brush truck is \$35,289. Bullard VFD is asking the board to pay the full amount of \$35,289 with the help of a \$20,000 grant received from Texas Forest Service to help with the conversion, the ESD will actually only be paying the part not covered by the grant, \$15,289. Paul Perryman made a motion to approve paying the total amount for the truck conversion at \$35,289; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leroy Biggers; motion carried 4-0.

## **10. RED SPRINGS STATION 1 A/C REPAIR**

Chief Rozell stated the current downstairs A/C system at Red Springs #1 is an outdated system, it can be repaired but a lot more problems can happen later on with it being outdated. Quotes were received by Freddy's Mechanical Services \$4,696.40 to repair outdoor unit, \$6,821.92 to replace the indoor & outdoor unit, Doran Mechanical \$2,564.00 to repair outside unit, \$5,812 to replace outside unit. Chief Rozell stated he would recommend replacing the indoor and outdoor unit with Freddy's Mechanical for \$6,821.92. Charles Wilson made a motion to approve replacing the downstairs indoor and outdoor unit at Red Springs Station 1 for \$6,821.92 from Freddy's Mechanical Services; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leroy Biggers; motion carried 4-0.

## **11. BULLARD STATION 2 A/C REPAIR**

Chief Rozell stated the condensing unit at Bullard #2 needs to be replaced. A quote from Freddy's Mechanical Services was received for \$2,745 to replace the condensing unit. Leroy Biggers made a motion to approve the Bullard Station 2 A/C Repair for \$2,745 from Freddy's Mechanical Services; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles Wilson; motion carried 4-0.

## **12. ARP STATION 2 A/C REPAIR**

Chief Rozell stated the compressor at Arp #2 is out and needs to be fixed. Two quotes were received from Freddy's Mechanical Services \$2,625.96 to replace the compressor and \$2,977 to replace the whole outside unit. He recommended replacing the whole unit for \$2,977. Charles Wilson made a motion to approve the Arp Station 2 A/C Repair to replace the whole unit for \$2,977 from Freddy's Mechanical Services; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leroy Biggers; motion carried 4-0.

## **13. 2018/2019 BUDGET PLANNING**

President Melton turned the floor over to taxpayer Craig Licciardi for his public comment. Mr. Licciardi stated he likes the idea in theory of 24/7 staffing but thinks it will have a major impact on the volunteers and the budget for the 24/7 staffing is a significant expense. Jackson Heights Volunteer David Gerald stated he was speaking on behalf of Jackson Heights Fire Chief Mike Van Winkle who is in favor of 24/7 staffing. He thinks it will be a proactive step to face a nationwide problem of the number of volunteers dwindling down. The only way the current situation of response times can be better is with 24/7 staffing. It will need to be a combination of paid staff and volunteer, one will not be able to do it all by themselves without the other. Chief Rozell stated he has been looking at possible 24/7 staffing for the past 2 years and has been working with the Long Range Planning Committee, the VFD chiefs everyone wants to give the citizens the best quality services. There will be a public budget workshop to discuss the 2018/2019 budget on July 9, 2018 at 6p.m. at Smith County ESD #2, 14128 SH 110 South, Whitehouse, TX 75791. No motion necessary.

## **14. LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEES**

Flint Gresham Fire Chief Tim Stone stated the Long Range Planning Committee does not have a lot to report they are working on collecting data over multiple things and it should be completed soon.

**15. DIRECTOR OF IT REPORT**

Director of IT, Larry Locke, stated that 76 support tickets have been completed since the last meeting. He stated all of the cameras and access control systems have been installed at the stations.

**16. CHIEF OF OPERATIONS REPORT**

Chief Rozell stated the air packs have come in and training on them will start in 2 weeks. The camera systems recently installed have already helped on multiple incidents with MVA's.

**17. PRESIDING OFFICER REMARKS**

President Melton stated he was awarded a position on the board for SAFE-D as a representative for the Eastern part of Texas.

**18. CLOSED SESSION**

Not necessary.

**19. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Not necessary.

**20. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

President Melton stated there will be a budget workshop meeting at Smith County ESD #2, 14128 SH 110 South, Whitehouse, Texas 75791; Monday July 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., and the next board meeting will be at Smith County ESD #2, 14128 SH 110 South, Whitehouse, Texas 75791; Monday, July 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.; he declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Perryman, Secretary/Treasurer