

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 9
Minutes for a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, November 23, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
1301 S. Capital of Texas Hwy., Building B, Suite 123
West Lake Hills, Texas 78746

1. Call to Order. 6:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum.

Commissioners Present:

Virgil Flathouse (VF)
Steve Wilson (SW)
Steve Hudson (SH)
Kirt Kiester (KK)
Debbie Kasper (DK)

Officers Present:

David Wilson (DW)

Other Present:

Jaime Galbreath (JG)
Scott Elkins (SE)

3. Review and Approve Minutes for the October 26, 2021, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting. – A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2021 meeting. (M – SH, 2nd – DK, V – Unanimous)
4. Citizens' Communication – The Board of Commissioners welcomes public comments at this point on any issue, whether or not included as an item on the agenda. The Board cannot discuss or take action on matters not listed on the agenda. Anyone wishing to speak on any matter, regardless of whether included on this agenda, must sign up with the Fire Chief or his designee prior to the meeting. Speakers shall limit their comments to four (4) minutes each.
 - There were no citizens present who wished to speak to the Board.
5. Report from the Firefighters' Union – Firefighter Scott Elkins announced that re-elections have taken place and Scott Elkins will be serving again this year as President. The union has two upcoming events. There will be a Golf Event on 12/4/2021 and a Breakfast with Santa event on 12/12/2021 from 9:30am to 11:30am at Station 902. The union would like to thank the department and commissioners for all their hard work in finding such a good Health Plan this year. Also, the union would like the Board to reconsider the starting wage for Firefighters. With Austin's cost of living going up so rapidly and comparing WFD's starting wage with the other Fire Departments and ESD's we a rather low. Making it much harder to be competitive when posting for new hires.
6. The Board will consider and possibly take action on the following Items:
 - a. Interlocal Agreement with TML Health Benefits Pool – Chief Wilson presented the Interlocal Agreement with TML Health Benefits Pool to the Board. – A motion was made to approve the Interlocal Agreement. (M – SH, 2nd – SW, V – Unanimous)
 - b. Discussion and Possible Action Related to Real Property Purchases for Fire Station 903 – Chief Wilson presented possible action relating to Real Property Purchase for Fire Station 903. – Commissioners would like to visit the property and table this discussion until Decembers Meeting to move forward with a LOI.
 - c. Discussion and Possible Action Related to a Temporary Fire Station Location and Housing of Squad 903 Firefighters in 2022 – Chief Wilson announced that we are still waiting to meet with the Water District 10 and for the final approval from the electrical contractor. – No action to be taken at this time.
 - d. Discussion and Possible Action to Engage Ure Consulting Group for the District's Promotion Process – Chief Wilson presented options and pricing to engage Ure Consulting Group for the District's Promotion Process. – A motion was made to approve Ure Consulting Group for the Promotion Process. (M – SH, 2nd – SW, V – Unanimous)
 - e. Invoices Over \$2,000 – Office Manager Jaime Galbreath reviewed the invoices over \$2,000 with the Board. - A motion was made to approve the expenditures. (M – SH, 2nd – SW, V – Unanimous)

7. Fire Chief's Report – Chief Wilson
 - a. Operations Report - Chief Wilson reviewed the events of interest during September, updates on Strategic Planning Session, and statistics from the previous month.
 - i. Hiring Process
 - b. Insurance Service Office (ISO) Preliminary Ratings – Chief Wilson reviewed ISO Preliminary Ratings.
 - c. ESD CC Report and Update – There was no EDC CC meeting to report on.
 - d. Financial Reports – Chief Wilson reviewed the financial reports with the Board.
8. Executive Session to discuss matters included on this agenda as authorized by Texas Government Code (see below).
 - There was no executive session.
9. Discuss and Consider action on matters discussed in Executive Session. – N/A
10. Set Date and Time of future ESD No. 9 Meetings. The next regular meeting of the Commissioner will be held Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
11. Adjournment. 8:00 p.m.

* Note: The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), §551.072 (Deliberations About Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), and §551.076 (Deliberation about Security Devices). Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9 is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please call the District at 512-539-3400 for information. Hearing impaired or speech disabled persons equipped with telecommunications devices for the deaf may call the statewide Relay Texas Program, 1-800-735-2988.

Steve Hudson

Steve Hudson, Secretary