

LCESD # 2 BOARD MEETING

DATE: 8-1-23

Meeting Called to Order By: President Johnny Slack @ 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

1) Roll Call: Johnny Slack, Clayton Nugent, Sonny DeBarge, Kelvin Burks, Fred Lemond

Attendees: J.T. Ryan, Anthony, Austin, Reta, Austin, Chris

2) Citizen Comments: Simon Van Dyk with Touchstone District Services LLC spoke to the board on how his company could help inform the public concerning a sales tax for the ESD#2. His company could use several different ways to get the info to the public as text, mail, media ESD websight and meetings with the public. Their engagement fee will be \$4150. Starting August there will be a \$1950 charge each month thru election in November. Simon ask Johnny to get him a voter roster from last election. He also suggests that the board designate a committee of 2 commissioners for contact and communication thru the process. Johnny told him the board will discuss in Executive Session and let him know the decision.

3) Minutes from last meeting July. Kelvin made a motion to accept minutes. Sonny made a second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

4) Financial report submitted. Bank balance Texas First State Bank \$308,831.84 statement pending. Fred made motion to accept financial statement. Kelvin made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

5) **ITEMS FOR Discussion or Action:**

1) HD-VFD Fire Suppression & Runs Report presented by J.T. There was 51 total run calls for July. J.T. submits document stating that accident reports will not be available on scene anymore. They will be available on texdot websight. It will cost \$6 per crash report and \$8 for certified report. J.T. also gives board his written letter of retirement effective December 31, 2023. Fred thanks J.T. for his service and commitment to the department. J.T. also informs the Board that there is only 6 active firefighters at this time. He says that due to the recent changes that they he might lose several more.

2) Bills for ESD#2 for July submitted. \$21,749.37. Board reviewed bills. Sonny made motion to accept and pay bills for July \$21,749.37. Kelvin made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

3) Johnny informs board that the pump has been tested on E722 and will be put up for sale.

Sonny made motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Kelvin made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried. **Adjourn regular session at 7:52 PM**

Return to regular session at 9:24 PM

Fred makes motion to adopt contract Touchtone District Services LLC to assist in educating the public concerning the sales and use tax for the ESD#2. Kelvin made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Fred called Simon and informed him of the board's decision.

Clayton makes a motion to appoint Fred and Kelvin to committee to work with Touchtone thru the process. Sonny made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Next meeting: Sept 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM at Fire Station.

Sonny made motion to adjourn meeting. Fred made second. All in Favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM