

LCESD # 2 BOARD MEETING

DATE: 1-2-24

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

1) Roll Call: Johnny Slack, Clayton Nugent, Fred Lemond Jr., Charles Kaemmerling

Attendees: J.T. Smith, Ryan Taylor, Anthony Ramirez, Reta Slack, Les Hulseley, Eric Thaxton, Toby Wilburn

2) Citizen Comments: None

3) Minutes from last meeting 12-5-2023 reviewed. Motion to accept Minutes by Fred. Second by Clayton. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

4) Communications:

1) Financial Report ESD#2 Submitted: Texas First Bank account \$73,398.08. First Liberty Bank account \$13,395.07. Motion to accept Financial Statement by Fred. Second by Clayton. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

ITEMS FOR Discussion or Action:

1) HD-VFD Fire Suppression & Runs Report presented by J.T. Total Calls 32. J.T. gave breakdown by Incident Type per Zones. J.T. gives report shows total calls in 2023 of 515. Total calls in 2022 was 262 total calls. Ryan and Anthony both have passed their written and driving test and have received their class B CDL Drivers License. J.T. would like Board to look at purchasing an Indian Back Pack for Brush Fires where trucks can not get into. Tank holds 5 gallons. J.T. is working on Policy for Upstairs Living Quarters for Firefighters. We are looking into getting cost for locks with keycode recognition. J.T. is developing a Leadership Program for starting January 8th. J.T. tells Board that we will need to look at getting more Air Packs. He says that he may be able to get Scott Air Packs for \$3300 each. He also says that in the future we need to have 2 complete uniforms for each firefighter so that while uniforms are debunked and cleaned and dried, they will have replacements.

Charles makes motion to accept reports for HD-VFD Fire and Rescue ESD#2 from J.T. Fred makes second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

2) Bills for ESD#2 for December 2023 reviewed. \$28,909.02. After review Fred made motion to accept and pay bills for December 2023 in amount of \$28,909.02. Charles made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

3) Johnny said that the Fire Department has applied for a \$5000 Grant from VIFS Insurance. Also the department has been awarded a \$20,000 from The Texas Forest Service. The money must be spent by April 15th 2024. The Department will have to pay 10% of the grant money.

4) ESD#2 has 3 CD's maturing January 4, 2024 at First Liberty Bank. Each CD is for \$100,000. Johnny got a quote for new percentage rate for renewal of 5.05% for 8 months. Charles made motion to renew 3 CD's for \$100,000 each for 5.05% rate at 8 months maturity date at First Liberty Bank. Fred makes second to motion. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Board members Johnny Slack, Clayton Nugent and Charles Kaemmerling will go to Bank to sign the necessary papers to renew the CD's.

5) Reviewed application for Firefighter for William Smith. J.T. gives his blessing. Board agrees. Charles made motion to accept application of William Smith for Firefighter for HD-VFD Fire and Rescue ESD#2. Fred makes second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

6) Discussion for replacement for Vice President to replace Sonny DeBarge. Clayton makes motion to appoint Fred Lemnod Jr. as Vice President Liberty County ESD#2. Charles makes second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting. February 6th HD-VFD at 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn meeting by Fred. Second by Charles. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM