

**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. Smith, Reta Slack, Austin Wingate, Barbra Domain, Bruce Karbowski, Bill Hergemuller, Eric Thaxton, Ryan Taylor, Randy Birdwell, Henery Winters, Levar Domain,

**2) Citizen Comments:** 1) Randy Birdwell ask the Board if the Fire Department will be able to be on standby for the home football games. There will be 1 game a week either on Thursday or Friday nights. Johnny says that the board will discuss in Executive Session.

Barbra Domain Mayor of Ames. She says that Ames has an Interlocal Agreement with Liberty for Fire Suppression. She wants to reinstate its own VFD in Ames. Bill tells Barbra that the expense of putting a VFD together will be too costly for their community. He tells her that he thinks the best thing for her to do is to work with the ESD#2 She says that she thinks the Agreement with Liberty is up in October. She does not want to renew with Liberty and work something out with the ESD#2. Johnny tells her that we would be glad to meet with her and discuss how an ESD works.

**3) Minutes from last meeting August 2023.** Motion to accept minutes from previous meeting by Fred. Second by Sonny. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**Financial Statement: Financial Statement submitted.** Bank Balance Texas First Bank \$249,621.59. Motion to accept Financial Statement by Kelvin. Second by Fred. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**ITEMS FOR Discussion or Action:**

1) HD-VFD Fire Suppression & Runs Report presented by Chief J.T. Smith. 69 Total runs in August. J.T. says that some of the grass fires is created by sun rays on glass objects. J.T. says that there are several things that the Fire Department needs. (4) black helmets, (2) Wye Ball Valve Swivel Rocker Lugs, (4) AV300 Full Facepiece (Fitted),( 2 ) 1 ½" Turbojet Nozzle's.

Also, he says that we need to have a CPR First Aid Training for our Department. In 2024 we will have to address our Air Pack situation. Department is also in need of bottled water and Gatorade. He says that their badge machine is broken. Kelvin told him he knows where he can get the badges made for \$5-\$10 each. J.T. ask board to suspend Firefighter Curt Gartner for lack of participation. He ask that his gear be returned. Kelvin made motion to accept Run Report and review all of J.T's request . Fred made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

2) Bills for ESD#2 for August 2023 submitted. Bills reviewed and discussed. Fred made motion to accept and pay Bills for August in amount of \$31,067.76. Sonny made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

3) Board reviewed a Rental Agreement between ESD#2 and Bluebird Medical Enterprises LLC. Our new facility for the EMS crew is almost ready to move into. The agreement is \$900 a month. Bluebird will be obligated to transfer all utilities, trash pickup and internet in their name since they will be responsible for paying for these services. Kelvin made a motion to adopt the agreement. Fred made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Johnny will submit Agreement to Bluebird Medical Enterprises.

4) Touchstone District Service which we have taken on to inform public of Sales Tax Proposition for the ESD#2 would like to have an informal gathering at the Fire Station October 5<sup>th</sup> with the community. Have food and drinks and chance to mingle with the voters and possibly answer questions & inform them of the Sales Tax Proposition. Sonny made motion to set this up for the 5<sup>th</sup> October. Fred made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

5) Kelvin made motion to have meeting scheduled for Sept 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 10-12 AM for the Property Tax Proposal for the ESD. This will be open for public to address any questions and concerns that they may have. Fred made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Bill Hergemuller as Kelvin (The Board Treasurer) why he looked like he was not aware of some of the bills that were presented for payment. He ask if he did or did not write the checks. Kelvin tells Bill that Johnny take care of paying all the bills and writing checks.

Bruce tells board that he was in touch with Exxon Mobil and they wanted to know if any members of the Fire Department will be interested Fire and Rescue Training. J.T. says that he will get head count and be in touch.

Clayton makes motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Sonny made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried. **Adjourn Regular Session at 7:59 PM.**

**Return to Regular Session at 8:55 PM.**

1) Kelvin makes a motion to accept the applications of Russell Reed, Gage Cannaday, Henery Winters, and Alvin Mott. Fred made second. All in Favor Motion Carried.

2) Fred makes a motion to accept the Bid from Artic Air to install 4 Ton AC in upstairs new facility for the install price of \$8250 and WD Electrical Services to do the necessary electrical for \$675. Sonny made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

3) Sonny made motion to agree on the sale of the skid unit that we have to Devers Fire Department for the price of \$3500. Fred made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

4) Kelvin made motion to sell Command 720 for \$8000 OBO. Sonny made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

5) Fred made motion to reinstate the pay per call for firefighters. The pay will be \$15 per call for Wreck or Fire. No med calls will be paid. Sonny made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

6) Fred makes motion to have Fire Department to supply vehicle and 2 Personal for at home Football Games for Daisetta School. This will be one night a week. Sonny made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

7) Kelvin makes motion to suspend Curt Gartner form the Fire Department because of lack of participation. Sonny made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Kelvin said that he will get Curts gear.

Next Meeting: October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023 at HD Fire Department at 7:00 PM

Fred made motion to adjourn. Clayton made second. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

