



Hardin County Emergency Services District 7

Minutes of Meeting on August 19th, 2024

Regular Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

1. Establish a quorum was present. Curtis Davis called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.
2. Mr. Davis gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present: Present was Lloyd Dodson, Elena Kelley, Denise Marcontell, Curtis Davis and Melanie Cotten.
3. Public Comment- limited to 3 minutes; no formal action, deliberation, or comments will be made by any of the board members.
 - (a) Mr. Andy Berry introduced himself as a retired Beaumont fire fighter. He expressed his approval of the newly established ESD.
4. Consent Agenda Items:
 - (a) Approval of the last meeting minutes. Mrs. Kelley made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mrs. Cotten, Motion carried. All voting for the motion.
 - (b) Treasurer's Report – Check for 5,000. From the County was deposited to First Financial Bank. The statement was in balance.
 - (c) Accounts Payable – Supplies ordered in the amount of 219.72 and reimbursement for PO Box to Mrs. Kelley 72.00.

The Hardin County Appraisal District fee increased to 824.60, the original amount disclosed was just an estimate.
 - (d) The tax assessor collector is going to try and wave the TNT fee of 500.00 since it is our first year as an ESD.
5. Financial statement approval:

Financial statement read. .05 cents per 100.00 dollars for real property. Mr. Dodson made a motion to except the financial statement. Seconded by Mrs. Marcontell. Moton carried. All voting for the motion.
6. Set a date and time for budget workshop.
 - a) Special budget meeting for August 26th and 27th at 5:30 pm. Next regular scheduled ESD meeting set for September 16th.
7. Approval of Fire Department contract:
 - a) Fire Department contract approval was tabled because Votaw/Thicket VFD is having the Lawyer review the contract.

8. Approval of strategy and goals mission / Vision:
 - a) Tabled

9. Mutual aid contract discussions with Kountze, Saratoga, Batson, Liberty Co, Segno:
 - a) Mr. Davis will correct item number 8 to the Beaumont Eastern District, Hardin County. Mr. Davis will continue to reach out to all area ESD's.

- 10) Discussion on any other non-agenda item without taking action, including reports from the Votaw/Thicket Vol. FD command structure; or announcements which may be of interest to the public.
 - a) Chief Love will bring Votaw/Thicket VFD budget to ESD budget workshop.
 - b) Two new batteries for tanker truck

- 11) Fire Chief's Report:
 - a) 2 fire and 6 medical. A total of 8 calls.

- 12) Date for next monthly meeting:
 - a) The next monthly meeting is set for Sept 16, 2024.

- 13) Mr. Dodson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mrs. Marcontell. Motion carried all voting for the motion.

Respectfully Submitted August 29, 2024

Melanie Cotten, Secretary