



## Hardin County Emergency Services District 7

### Minutes of Meeting on September 16th, 2024

Regular Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM

1. Establish a quorum was present. Curtis Davis called the meeting to order at 6:34 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. No Comment
4. Consent Agenda Items:
  - (a) Approval of the last meeting minutes. Mr. Dodson made the motion to approve. Seconded by Elena, Motion carried. All voting for the motion.
  - (b) Treasurer's Report- First Financial Bank Balance \$4,689.64, Bank charged \$18.64 to the account in error. After the refund of \$18.64 and the new balance will be \$4,708.28.
  - (c) Accounts Payable – None
5. Update on website (Mrs. Kelley)
  - (a) Website is up and running, it will cost \$17.00 per month to have a domain name. Increase will be made to cost code #7330 to the budget.  
Mr. Marcontell made the motion to approve, and Mrs. Kelley seconded, Motion carried.
6. Treasure's Bond discussion (Mr. Davis):
  - (a) Mr. Davis emailed Mark, regarding Assurity Bond. Waiting to hear back. - Tabled
7. Approval of Fire Department contract:
  - (a) The board went into executive session. Section 551.074 – Matters of Personnel. Mr. Davis called executive session at 6:59pm.  
Mr. Davis called to resume regular session at 7:20pm.
  - (b). Chief Love advised board that their attorney was still reviewing contract. Item Tabled.
8. 2024/2025 Budget discussions and modifications:
  - (a) Chief Love advised the ESD Board of a \$5120.00 bill from attorney Kate Leverage that the Votaw/Thicket VFD would like reimbursement for. This fee is for the legal paperwork to establish the ESD. Line items on the budget were adjusted to help with this cost. A total of \$4150.00 was adjusted for. Mrs. Marcontell made the

motion to approve, and Mr. Dodson seconded, Motion carried.

9. Approval of Strategy and Goals/Vision- Tabled

10. Mutual aid contract discussions with Kountze, Saratoga, Batson, Liberty Co. Segno-

(a) Discuss/Review/take action- Tabled

11. Discussion on any non-agenda item without taking action, including reports from Votaw/Thicket VFD command structure; or announcements which may be of interest to the public.

(a) We received a 50 kw generator from Sour Lake, there was no transfer switch on the generator.

(b) Enterprise donated 1000 gal truck, that needs hoses.

12. Fire Chiefs Report-

(a) 7 calls

1- Brush fire

5- Medical

1- Mutual aid

13. Next Meeting Agenda Items-

1. Treasure's Bond discussion

2. Approval of Fire Department Contract

3. Approval of Strategy and Goals/Vision

4. Mutual aid contract discussions with Kountze, Saratoga, Batson, Liberty Co. Segno.

Mr. Dodson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Marcontell.

Respectfully Submitted October 10, 2024

Melanie Cotten, Secretary