

Dec. 10, 2019

Agenda #1 Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM with Commissioners West, Irick, Scasta, and Kurten in attendance. Others there from the VFD were Joe Boyd and Daniel G as well as our incoming Commissioner, Dan Wilkerson. Attorney John W Peeler from Houston was there to per request from VFD/ESD.

Agenda #5 Sec minutes from Nov. 2019 meeting were read and approved with Motion from Larry and 2nd by Lloyd.

Agenda #2 No treasure's report given as Diana had just come from Houston and had not stopped by post office box. One bill needed paying. Motion by Larry and 2nd by Lloyd that the 1st quarterly payment to Brazos CAD be paid. Check #1290 written in the amount of \$534.75.

Agenda #3 VFD gave update on delivery of new truck. There are a few punch list items that Siddons - Martin will be taking care of. It will probably take about 2 weeks to get it up and ready for use. It's a custom cab with upgraded tank capacity. Also the VFD had been checking out dry hydrants in Pct 2 area to make sure all are working.

Agenda #4 Diana informed group that correspondence had been received from Judge Peters office that Lloyd had been recertified as ESD Commissioner for another 2 year term (see notification) as well as Dan Wilkerson coming in to replace Layton. (see notification) Dan will be sworn in at Jan or Feb meeting. Larry introduced Dan to group.

Agenda #6/Agenda #7 Joe Boyd introduced attorney, John Peeler. He is with group Coveler & Peeler out of Houston that helped New Waverly with their election on sales tax. He is here to serve at the pleasure of the ESD board. A packet of engagement for legal services was shared. Discussion followed with him asking specific questions especially since he know nothing about Brazos County and the ES Districts here. Questions asked and answered:

1. Who provides EMS services for Pct 2?
2. Are there any paid fire staff?
3. How many stations/fire fighters?

Joe Boyd shared research he had done with help of Comptroller's office about sales tax collected in our area and how much is still available for collecting. VFD would like to pursue receiving all the sales tax available noting that it would have to be in two split elections, year 1 then year 2.

John Peeler then explained some of the issues to consider. He would be speaking with Brazos County about availability for May 2020 election. Deadline to hold one then would be Feb. 14, 2020. If May date not available, then it would have to be Nov. 2020 (which is not a good time to include it on ballot) or May 2021. County officials would need to hold election, with us paying to contract them since they are familiar with system.

Mr. Peeler gave suggestions as to what to do to promote vote.

1. More concrete the info to our voters the better
2. Hold town meetings
3. Visit Homeowners Associations
4. Informational flyer is permitted.

Joe Boyd asked if county can't help with election in May, what are our options? Mr Peeler explained that we could seek another company to lease electronic machines from, but cost would be more esp if more than one polling place. Also, ballots by mail would be tricky if county doesn't handle election. Mr Peeler said he would find out more info about registered voters in our pct as well as discuss election with the outside company he knows. If necessary, another special meeting before our regular meeting date might be necessary. Next meeting agenda should include item listing date/time of this meeting. Questions asked in regard to cost of election and his cost as well. MOTION made by Lloyd and 2nd by Larry that ESD hire the firm, Coveler & Peeler to help with this election process. He instructed Diana to go to the Ethics Commission Website and complete Form 1295.

Agenda #8 Next regular monthly meeting for ESD will be Tues. Jan. 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

No further business. Respectfully submitted: Diana Kurten, Sec/Tres ESD #2
Brazos County

Approved
1/14/20