

Tuesday Mar.10, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM with all 5 ESD Commissioners in attendance. Also present was Chief Joe Boyd, Rick Wagner, and Simon VanDyk representing Touchstone District Services.

Secretary Minutes from Feb's monthly meeting were shared and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report given by Lloyd noted that the balance as of 3/1/20 was \$140,943.12. Credits totaled \$115,642.49. This large increase in credits was due to taxes collected by the Brazos County Tax office. Report accepted as read.

Diana presented invoices/bills needing payment: MOTION made by Dan W and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry W to pay three invoices: Motion carried.

Check #1300 Brazos County Central Appraisal Dist \$534.75 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly due

Check #1400 Coveler&Peeler for legal services \$1,235.50 (see invoice)

\*Also noted that new checks were opened thus the change in sequence of #.\*

Check #1401 Spirit of Texas Bank for yearly note \$20,410.14

Regarding finances, Dan asked about the 4 quarterly payments made to VFD. Chief Boyd reminded us that the VFD absorbed the \$25,000 they were to pay on the new truck thus less that amt in budget.

Justin introduced Simon Van Dyk and opened up the discussion in regards to PR for the upcoming May 2 election. He asked what plans were already in place and what is the ESD doing. He said generating community support is important and suggested an Open House at the fire station; perhaps attend an HOA meeting for North County and Joe will check into this; suggested making a target list of important residents in our area to reach out to that could have influence with others with each ESD commissioner choosing 2-3 people. He noted that visuals were important, something similar to a science fair project board: mail out. His question of how many registered voters in Pct 2 was unanswered.

The cost of hiring his firm and he gave ballpark estimate between \$6,000-\$10,000. He wouldn't know cost of mailout until he knows solid numbers. He said it's better

to air on the side of being aggressive. They will invoice us with the engagement fee being 1/3 of total package. They will bill us as work is done. MOTION by Diana and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan that we hire his firm to do a 65+ mailout and visuals/short video for presentations. MOTION passed.

It was decided that if Zion Church parking lot available, Sat. April 18 will be the target date for a community meeting with VFD taking the lead on the activities. Diana will head up refreshments. Time suggested will be 10:00 - 1:00 PM. Diana will check with Zion Church for possible use and get back to Simon so event details can be included in the mailer.

No further business. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted: Diana Kurten, Sec. Brazos County ESD #2

*approved as read*