VAN ZANDT COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #4

MINUTES June 18, 2024

**Present:** Commissioners: Scott Davenport, Jerry Hill, Ray Thomason, Robert Tisdale, and Teresa Byrd

WPVFD: Ed Leipply

1. **Call meeting to order.** President Scott Davenport declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.** Scott Davenport led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.
3. **Public Comment: Citizens to be heard.** No one was present to speak.
4. **Recognition of ESD/VFD Volunteers.** There were no recognitions this month.
5. **Update on the purchase of a Water Tender Truck, take action if necessary**; Jerry Hill moved to borrow $500,000.00 from City National Bank for 10 years to purchase the Water Tender. Ray Thomason seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Water Tender truck is expected in October.
6. **Any information on land for a North Sub-station, take action if necessary;** Ed Leipply met with a deacon from Bright Star Baptist Church, 6833 FM 1395, near 47N. They are agreeable to letting the ESD lease a small portion, ¼ acre, of their property for a north sub-station. First, they must have a congregational vote and then the ESD would sign a lease similar to the one for the south sub-station.

7. **Report from Treasurer Jerry Hill;**

a) The Operating account balance is $305,089.85, the ESD Asset Allocation fund balance is $70,982.44, and the Emergency fund balance is $23,405.45 with 2 CD’s that each have about $154,000.

b) Monthly Budget Report: Kristie provided a current Balance Sheet dated October 1, 2023 through June 18, 2024, report for deposited tax funds YTD, and copies of the bank statements. There were no questions.

8. **Report from VFD Chief Ed Leipply on current status of the VFD including:**

a) Current status of equipment: Engine 2 (old engine) is being serviced in Balch Springs. All the other trucks are currently in service. The new engine is great. The new Water Tender will need a radio system. The quote for the County to install before the end of the year is $4,655.57. After the end of this year it will cost $9,516.99. Jerry Hill moved to notify Van Zandt County the ESD did want to purchase the radio for the new Water Tender. Teresa Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ed explained about the age and condition of Booster 1 (1988) that will be replaced once the Water Tender is put into service. Next month the agenda will include the disposition of Booster 1.

b) Monthly Run Report: Chief Leipply reported 66 calls for May. The calls included 2 Structure Fires, 1 Grass Fire, 1 Vehicle Fire, 5 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 41 EMS, and 16 Other type calls.

c) Monthly Budget Report including 2023/2024 Budget: Chief Leipply submitted his financial report and annual budget report for October 1, 2023 through May 2024. He reported the purchase for repair/tires had used almost all the budgeted amount for apparatus repair.

Scott asked Ed who is responsible for training on the new engine. Ed explained the firefighters must have a Class B license and be checked off for proficiency before they are added to a list of who can operate which equipment. The list of drivers for the new engine is smaller than the list for the smaller equipment. Scott also shared an email the ESD received from an insurance company about the accident in January 2024. They are claiming there was $10,000.00 in damage. Evidently, the claim has not settled.

9. **Consent agenda;**

a) Reading (if requested) and approval of the May 21 2024 Meeting Minutes; Ray Thomason moved to approve the minutes from May 21, 2024. The motion was seconded by Robert Tisdale. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **Agenda items for the next meeting on July 16 2024;** Water Tender truck, North sub-station, and disposition of Booster 1.

11. **Adjourn;** Robert Tisdale moved to adjourn at 6:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Teresa Byrd. The motion passed unanimously.

By: Kristie Jones

Clerk, Van Zandt Emergency Service District 4