

**HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #28
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 31, 2015**

Members in Attendance:

Dan Langford, President
Morris Bradley, Treasurer
Jim Chatterton, Secretary

Mike Jones, V. P.
Dan Dronberger, Asst. Treasurer

Others in Attendance:

Fred Windisch, Fire Chief
Teresa Griffin, Office Manager

Howard Katz, Coveler & Katz (joined meeting at 5:35 p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER

Dan Langford called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public present.

PARTIAL PAYMENT OF RADIO TOWER PURCHASE

FCW explained where we are on the radio tower; Exxon wasn't ready and it is now scheduled for September 12th. Dan Langford asked if anyone had a problem paying 1/3 of the tower payment, no one objected, Board approved.

STAFFING

FCW reported that Faron Graeter went to Harris County, Efton Campbell to the Village and Erik Perez may be going to Baytown. They all provide pensions. Morris asked if, within our sector for fire departments with ESD's, any have pensions. FCW said as far as he is aware, most only have 401K's.

We are going to go through new hire applicants, we have 7 people and we are also in the process of our Lieutenant promotions. We have 1 position and we have 4 internal applicants – written test was done today. They completed two online Wunderlich tests (our online contractor) cognitive ability, 5 subs that look at personality characteristics. We try to do a cross section for the oral interviews. All results will go into a workbook and see where the numbers fall. Efton starts on 9/11 at the Village, and we will have a payout of approximately \$7K on sick and vacation time for both he and Faron.

TO REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON SELECTING BANK FOR LOAN FOR STATION 63 CONSTRUCTION

Howard Katz handed out a compiled list summarizing the various loan options.

The Board feels the best option would be to go with Trustmark Bank for the 15 year note at 2.84% for up to \$4.5M. The loan would be secured by Sales Tax Dollars. Mike Jones made a motion for Howard to move forward to secure the loan on behalf of ESD #28. Morris Bradley seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

TO PROPOSE 2015 DISTRICT TAX RATE

Mike Jones proposed that we stay at 10 cents for the effective tax rate. Dan Dronberger seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

TO REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON 2015 APPRAISAL VALUATIONS AND COMMENCEMENT OF ADOPTION OF 2015 TAX RATE, INCLUDING REVIEW OF 2015 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE CALCULATIONS, AND SCHEDULING ANY NECESSARY PUBLIC HEARINGS TO ADOPT DISTRICT 2015 TAX RATE.

Howard will run the ads for public hearings in The Chronicle as follows:

- 1st Public Hearing: Thursday, September 17th at 5 p.m.

- 2nd Public Hearing: Monday, September 21st at 5 p.m. before the regular ESD Board Meeting.

ESD Special Meeting to Adopt: Monday, September 28th at 5 p.m. to Adopt Tax Rate and other business TBD.

SPRING/PONDEROSA JOINT USE OF STATION 62

FCW reported that they met last Monday and worked out some details. We are looking at October 1st for the launch date for Spring FD to begin co-staffing at Station 62.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:37 p.m. by Dan Dronberger; Mike Jones seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board. The next meeting will be a public hearing on Thursday, September 17th, 2015 at 5 p.m.



Jim Chatterton, Secretary