

**HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #28
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 19, 2014**

Members in Attendance:

Mike Jones, President	Jim Chatterton, Secretary
Dan Langford, Vice President	Dan Dronberger, Treasurer
Morris Bradley, Assistant Treasurer	

Others in Attendance:

Fred Windisch, Fire Chief
Dana Schmanski, Recording Secretary
Bob Schmanski, President of the Board, ESD 7

Call to Order

Mike Jones called the May 19, 2014, ESD 28 Board Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. with a quorum in attendance.

Minutes

Mike Jones asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes for April 21, 2014. Dan Dronberger noted a change under 2014 budget; changes were presented to the board for a revised budget. Board accepted changes and approved 2014 Budget. None opposed, the motion accepted with unanimous approval of the board. Motion to accept the minutes with above changes. None opposed, the motion accepted with unanimous approval of the board.

Public Comments

No Public Comments.

Financials

Dan Dronberger reported on the April Checking Account, beginning balance \$2,020,035.04, we had 7 deposits \$70,397.11, and expended \$111,327.17, for an ending balance of \$1,979,104.98.

Money Market \$410,924.97, interest deposit \$67.55. The ending balance on this account was \$410,992.52.

We have bills to pay as follows:

\$ 4,492.00 Harris County Appraisal District (3rd Quarter)
\$ 305,000.00 PVFA Draw (May 2014)
\$ 2,005.00 VFIS Insurance

A motion was made to approve and pay bills as submitted, none opposed, the motion accepted with unanimous approval of the board.

Budget 2014

Dan Dronberger presented the budget, it is the same type of comparison, and 1st column is now revised 2014 budget approved at last meeting. We are already over budget on sales tax receipts revenue. Everything else is on target. New projected net income is \$617,600.00.

Fire Chief Report

Responses - 126 total responses for the month. Major events: Klein Fire Department covered us while we were at an 18 wheeler fire. We had a 2 alarm apt fire on the 8th, a kitchen fire in Northview Subdivision on 16th. Fan 62 went to a school fire. We are averaging 144 responses and 58 on EMS.

BBQ Cook-off - \$15,500 in donations \$11,400 in bills. This year all \$15,500.00 went into the non-ESD checking account. When final reconciliation is complete, the overage will cover the costs associated with the addition to the front of the BBQ trailer.

Hiring Process: We decided last Wednesday to hire 3 not 4 firefighters. We felt the hiring pool is still a little shallow. We decided to repurpose that money and go with a 4th hourly duty person. This will give us our numbers without burden of benefits. New firefighters start June 2nd; they will start on 9 hour days. During that time is our annual physicals, they will sign their employment agreement, and sign up for insurance, all of this will occur in the 1st week and to learn the system. The plan during the day, three people will go to Station 3.

Traffic Signals: Dan Dronberger is aware of current costs associated with the 33 intersections ordered last week. Labor only cost is \$1500.00, to move an existing machine and install at Bammel Road and Imperial Valley. That invoice will be forth coming. ESD 11 has paid the 50% down as of last Thursday. The costs will be divided by four fire departments.

2013 Audit

Mike Jones: 2013 audit approved by the board at the last meeting. We have not received the final copy and it should remain on the agenda until received.

ESD Website

The justification recommendations are in your package. The recent election had some pretty significant things going on. A lot of the negative was associated with the word called transparency. Bob Schmanski at ESD7: Many of the questions fielded were a result of not having a website. FCW we had overwhelming support during voting. FCW thinks it would be a good idea to have a standalone website for the ESD28, it will be a supporting website, that we would include the budget, the agenda, and the minutes, etc. Cost would be \$1,500.00 through Texas Network; this includes setup, with less than a hundred dollars a month to maintain the website. We are looking at ESD28.com or HCESD28.com. Fred would prefer .org, or we could get all of them .com .org .net. The point for this discussion is that it is time to have one. A motion to approve the purchase of an ESD28 Website, none opposed, the motion accepted with unanimous approval of the board.

Exemptions of 2014

To review and take action on granting exemptions for 2014. Documents presented to the board. A motion to approve the Granting Exemption of 2014:

Homestead	-0-
Over 65	\$30,000
Disability	\$75,000

and signed by Dan Dronberger, none opposed, the motion accepted with unanimous approval of the board.

Emergency Response Leadership Coalition

Meeting was held in Tomball, TX. Debbie Riddle was there, she held the floor for 40 minutes. There was news of Cy-Fair Deputy Chief Mark Braswell's death. Unfortunately, Chief Braswell was killed on Saturday in a bicycle accident. We will participate in some aspect of the services.

Board Member Positions

Add to agenda to open to the board members at the next meeting the opportunity to change board positions.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Jones at 5:20 p.m., with unanimous approval of the board. The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, June 16, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Jim Chatterton, Secretary