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HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 28 MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 17, 2023

Members in Attendance:

Mike Jenkins, President
Ken Koenig, Treasurer

Dan Dronberger, V. P.

Others in Attendance:

Fred Windisch, Fire Chief

Public:

No Public

Excused Members:

Erika Smiley, Asst. Sec/Treasurer
Shirley Jauma, Secretary

Call to order, roll call and establishment of a quorum.

Mike Jenkins called to order the April 17, 2023, ESD No. 28 Board Meeting starting at 5:00 p.m., with a quorum.

To receive public comment.

No public.

To approve the Minutes of prior meeting.

Mike Jenkins asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the March 20, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes.

Dan Dronberger motion to accept the March 20, 2023, regular meeting minutes as written. Ken Koenig seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

To receive a financial report from the District Treasurer and to pay District bills, including approval of commissioner fees.

Ken Koenig reviewed the report on Profit and Loss Budget Performance with Percentages for the month of March 31, 2023.

Station 63 loan is paid off. Received original loan documents in the mail.

Bank balances in our various accounts as of March 31, 2023:

Checking Account: Beginning balance of \$89,532.37, with deposits totaling \$1,391,290.84 (which includes an interest deposit of \$46.82); and checks and debits totaling \$1,467,043.89, for an ending balance of \$13,779.32.

Money Market Account: Beginning balance of \$10,603.78, with an interest deposit totaling \$8.67; debits totaling \$603.78; for an ending balance of \$10,008.67.

Sales Tax Money Market Account: Beginning balance of \$251,216.29 with an interest deposit of \$440.47; debits totaling \$1,216.29; for an ending balance of \$250,440.47.

Texas CLASS Account: Beginning balance of \$7,126,266.80, with deposits of \$387,622.52 (which includes an interest deposit of \$28,922.52); and debits totaling \$997,000.00, for an ending balance of \$6,516,889.32.

We have (5) bills to pay this month as follows:

Coveler & Peeler, P.C.	738.73	March Legal Fees
LDF Construction, Inc.	\$79,940.00	Station 63 dorms remodel
Texas Emergency Communication Ctr	\$19,097.70	1 st Quarter Call Volume
Northwest Communications	\$1,043.30	Station 63 Radio Comm. Dorms
PVFA	445,000.00	April Draw

To review and take action on the payment of operations funding pursuant to year 2022 and the 2023 budget and service agreement with the Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Department.

FCW – requesting April Draw not to exceed \$445,000.00.

Dan Dronberger made a motion to approve the financials, checks written, April Draw in the amount of \$445,000.00. Ken Koenig seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

To receive a report from the Ponderosa Fire Department (“Department”).
Fire Responses –March 2023 – 157 Responses

Major Fires:

03/05/23 – 1000 Cypress Station, small kitchen fire

03/06/23 – 616 FM 1960 W, Chase Bank Building; elevator motor fire on penthouse

03/30/23 – 910 Cypress Station second floor balcony fire.

Avg Responses – 193

Avg EMS Responses – 83

To review, discuss and take action regarding the purchase of capital equipment including apparatus.

FCW – EQ63 Mini Pumper has been sold for \$37,000.00. Burdett, Kansas Fire Department is coming to pick up on Friday. Three Ranchers joined together to purchase the fire truck. We paid for the graphics created by Siddons-Martin cost \$850.00.

FCW - EQ62 – we have spent \$6,400.00 and currently another \$2,400.00 not yet invoiced. We were hoping to extend its life span, but it is time to sell. Possible sales price is \$77,000.00, we think it is closer to \$55,000.00. Requesting approval to sell EQ62 and replace it with an F250, 8ft bed, with a gas engine. To be assigned to Station 62 and include a bed enclosure to store equipment, a computer, and accessories. We will send the bid out to 3 or 4 Ford dealers. Discussion held by the board.

Ken Koenig made a motion to sell EQ62 and purchase a F250 gas engine with an 8ft bed. Dan Dronberger seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

ATT Lines are being cut by thieves, they cut 200 feet all the way to the edge of our property. These lines are full of copper. ATT knows because Pat next door has been calling them. District Chief on duty heard them cutting the lines. Our firefighters cut the remaining and placed in the bay, because we know they will return for the copper.

To review, discuss and take action to remodel Station 63 dorms to accommodate personnel.

FCW – cannot get the LED Glass, should be complete next week.

To review, discuss and take action regarding Symposium in the Sun.

FCW – Mike Jenkins and Shirley Jauma will attend.

To review and take action on granting exemptions for 2023.

FCW – Ira asked to proceed with the granting exemptions for 2023. Handout of last year's exemptions given to board.

Dan Dronberger made a motion for the 2023 Granting Exemptions as follows:

Homestead	\$0.00
Over 65	\$50,000.00
Disability	\$75,000.00

Ken Koenig seconded the motion. The board unanimously agreed to the above exemptions with a vote: 3 in Favor, 0 Against.

Granting Exemption for 2023 signed by Mike Jenkins, President and Ken Koenig, Treasurer.

To designate the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office to prepare the District's No New Revenue Tax Rate and related tax rate calculations for 2023.

Discussion held by the board.

Ken Koenig made a motion to designate Harris County Tax Assessor Collector Office to prepare the District's No New Revenue Tax Rate for 2023. Dan Dronberger seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

To review, discuss and take action regarding Houston Housing Authority.

FCW – proposing that Ira develop a response rate fee. These are “For Profit Entities” we will write it up and send to Ira to create. \$80.00 for non-response and \$400.00 for responses. We also want ESD No. 28 to have the document of authority. Discussion held by the board.

To review, discuss and take action regarding False Alarms.

FCW – we have new frequent fliers with false alarms. Rocky is doing great communicating with them to stop the false alarms. We request increasing the rate from \$50.00 to \$80.00 for non-responses.

To review, discuss and take action regarding TECC Board in agreement of Lori having three persons on each shift.

MJ – the tech board and all ESD’s have agreed to hiring 3 more people. Their concern with only 2 staffed when times are busy is not enough.

Dan Dronberger made a motion for Texas Emergency Communications Center, to hire 3 additional call takers. Ken Koenig seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

To review, discuss and take action regarding Commissioners Compensation.

Dan Dronberger made a motion to increase the per meeting rate be increased to \$150.00 per meeting, Ken Koenig seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.071 to consult with legal counsel.

No Closed Session


To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.072 to deliberate regarding real estate matters.

No Closed Session

To set meeting date for May 15, 2023, regular meeting.

Adjournment

Ken Koenig made a motion to adjourn at 5:38 PM. Dan Dronberger seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.


Shirley Jauma, Secretary