

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT 14

**Meeting Held at Volente Fire Hall
15406 FM 2769, Volente, TX 78641**

MONTHLY MEETING OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: THURSDAY, September 16, 2010 Time: 7:00 PM

MINUTES, Approved

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

President Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

Commissioners present: Tom Stevenson, Suellen Jordan, Al Blunt, Lonnie Moore. A quorum was established.

Others in attendance: VVFD Fire Chief Walter Groman, VVFD board President Scott Spurlin, Bella Vista HOA President Veronica Frederick and Mike Vandenack.

2. Report(s) from President, Vice President and/or Fire Chief Regarding Discussions with Cedar Park and HOAs Regarding Provision of Service To That Portion of the District within Cedar Park ETJ

Stevenson summarized events that had transpired since the last ESD meeting: ESD 14 received a letter from City of Cedar Park giving the indication they do not plan to present an alternate proposal; preliminary discussions have been held with TCESD #1 (North Lake Travis Fire and Rescue) and TCESD #6 (Lake Travis Fire Rescue) regarding more tightly integrated operations; information was given by Stevenson to a Community Impact News reporter and an article is expected this week; and Stevenson and Moore had a meeting with Tom Moody, President of Twin Creeks HOA and John Shumaker, VP of Bella Vista HOA.

Bella Vista President Veronica Frederick mentioned that Tom Moody would be the main spokesperson for the three HOAs (Bella Vista, Twin Creeks, and Ranch at Deer Creek). Cypress Canyon residents are part of the Ranch at Deer Creek HOA.

To a question from Commissioner Blunt, Stevenson confirmed that he will continue to be the ESD's spokesperson on this matter and queries should be forwarded to him.

3. Citizen Comment

No comments were noted other than under the preceding topic.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes of August 2010 ESD 14 meeting (Moore)

Motion: *"Moved, to approve the minutes of the 08/18/2010 ESD meeting, as presented by the Secretary."*

Motion by: Jordan

Seconded: Blunt

In Favor: 4

Motion carried.

5. Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jordan distributed the Treasurer's Report, attached by reference. Total tax collections for 2009 taxes are approximately \$988,000 to date, a bit ahead of projections.

Motion: *"Moved, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented."*

Motion by: Moore

Seconded: Blunt

In Favor: 4

6. Receive and Review Reports from VVFD Fire Chief and VVFD Board

Chief Groman reviewed items from his September, 2010 written report.

He noted that notice of annexation was received from COA for approximately 8 lots that front on Boulder Lane. The impact on tax revenues in future years will only be about \$5,000 per year. National Night Out will be held at VVFD on October 5th. Postcards announcing the event will be sent to the entire ESD 14 service area.

Chief Groman reviewed the responses to the recent heavy rain event which resulted in roadway flooding. The service area does not usually have swift water flooding, so this was unusual. The VVFD is looking into replacing the 3” diameter pipe from the water storage tanks with 8” pipe, to speed up refilling of the trucks.

The VVFD board has given approval to a tuition program for worthy candidates for the fire academy. Each candidate would be approved individually by the VVFD board before any tuition payment was authorized.

7. Consider and Take Action on To Approve Entering Into Contract Discussions with Travis County ESD No. 6 for the Possible Provisions of Services by ESD No. 6 To ESD No. 14
(taken together with the following item)

8. Consider and Take Action on To Approve Entering Into Contract Discussions with Travis County ESD No. 1 for the Possible Provisions of Services by ESD No. 1 To ESD No. 14

There was discussion about how closely the Travis County ESDs and their respective fire departments already work together, including mutual aid, auto aid in certain circumstances, sharing a common dispatch center, a common trunk radio system, etc. The Travis County ESDs also meet monthly through the ESD Commissioners Council and discuss common interests and issues, and how work even more closely and seamlessly together. A number of ESDs already have special working arrangements to share resources – including staffing, equipment, training and management – in order cover their respective territories more effectively. It was noted that the two adjoining ESDs, No. 1 and No. 6, are both larger than ESD 14 and can potentially offer additional benefits to the ESD 14 service territory and to the VVFD Fire Department.

Motion: *“Moved, that ESD 14 authorizes its president, Tom Stevenson, to formally enter into discussions with ESD No. 1 and ESD No. 6 (one or both) for the purpose of exploring mutually beneficial contractual relationship(s).”*

Motion by: Blunt

Seconded: Jordan

In Favor: 4

Motion carried.

9. Consider and Take Action on Sales Tax Options for ESD No 14, Including Possible Scheduling of a Sales Tax Election

Chief Groman recapped what had been reported in previous meetings – there is potentially \$80,000+ in potential sales tax revenues in the District. The cost for ESD 14 to hold a sales tax election is expected to be about \$10,000.

Motion: *“Moved, that ESD 14 take the necessary actions to place a sales tax election for ESD 14 on the ballot for the May 2011 election date.”*

Motion by: Moore

Seconded: Blunt

In Favor: 4

Motion carried.

10. Reimbursement and Payment Requests

Treasurer Jordan presented three requests for payment, as follows:

\$62,385.15 to VVFD, per their written reimbursement request;

\$1,710.00 to Burns, Anderson, Jury & Brenner, LLP for legal services;

\$77.44 to Lonnie Moore, per expense report (this item approved at August 2010 ESD meeting).

Motion: "*Moved, to approve the three listed payments above.*"

Motion by: Moore

Seconded: Blunt

In Favor: 4

Motion carried.

11. Adjournment

With no more business on the Agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lonnie Moore, Secretary