

## MEETING OF

### TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT 14

The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District 14 held a regular board meeting at Volente Fire Hall located at 15406 FM 2769, Volente, TX 78641

Meeting Date: Wednesday June 15, 2011 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. All five commissioners were present: Tom Stevenson, Brandon Tanous, Suellen Jordan, Al Blunt and Lonnie Moore.

The District's attorney, Ken Campbell, was in attendance, as well as VVFD Fire Chief Groman.

2. Citizen Comment

Caleb Magee of Cedar Park Neighborhood Action Network asked a number of questions about the transition of service to VVFD from CPFDD, the status of the auto-aid agreement with City of Austin and when a sales tax election could be rescheduled.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes of ESD 14 meetings of 5/18/11 and 5/24/11

Motion to approve the minutes of the 5/18/2011 meeting and 5/24/11 meeting as presented by the Secretary was made by Jordan, seconded by Tanous and approved by voice vote.

4. Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jordan presented her written report for October 2010 through May 2011, attached by reference. A motion to approve the Treasurer Report was made by Moore, seconded by Blunt, and approved by voice vote.

5. Receive and review reports from VFD Fire Chief and VFD Board

Chief Groman reviewed items from his written report of June 8, 2011 as well as additional items. At 66% of the budget year, the VVFD has spent only 53% of its annual budget so far. Gas prices seem to have stabilized. Auto-aid with ESD 6 is in the process of being implemented and should be in place shortly. The Travis County commissioners' court has banned the sale and use of all fireworks. The ban could be lifted, but is likely to remain in place through July 5<sup>th</sup>. The VVFD Auxiliary recently sponsored two CPR classes for the public using an outside instructor at \$25/student. The VVFD will be able to provide the classes using its own personnel as instructors in the future.

Chief Groman reviewed the status of the transition of service of the Cedar Park ETJ area from CPFDD to VVFD. The last part to be completed will be done June 16<sup>th</sup> when the contractor for AT&T does the MSAG reprogramming so landline calls from the ETJ area will be routed to the Austin/Travis County 911 dispatch center. VVFD will do an outreach through the HOAs to let residents who have monitored fire alarms that they need to inform their alarm monitoring companies to report any alarms received to the correct dispatch center.

6. Receive and discuss updates on contract with City of Cedar Park and transition of provision of emergency services to the area covered by that contract, and action(s) regarding same

(This item was previously discussed under Item 5 during the Chief's report.)  
Stevenson noted that nothing further has been heard from Cedar Park regarding the contract.

7. Consideration and possible action(s) regarding a second emergency services station  
(This item held until closed session for consultation with attorney)
8. Consideration and possible action regarding revisions to the Agreement Between ESD 14 and Volente VFD for Fire Protection and First Responder Emergency Medical Services  
Moore noted that no revisions have been proposed and the current agreement remains in effect as-is. This item to be tabled for the time being.
9. Consideration and possible action regarding an agreement between ESD No. 14 and ESD No. 6  
(This item held until closed session for consultation with attorney)
10. Consideration and action to provide feedback to Emergency Services District Commissioners Council on which of three options presented at 5/07/2011 Work Session seem most desirable and/or feasible to ESD No. 14

Moore recapped that the ESD commissioners had heard three proposals during the 5/7/11 work session for the possible future of Travis County ESDs:

- 1) An "overlay" ESD (ESD 15) covering all of Travis County outside the city limits, to provide an additional revenue source that would be distributed in some fashion to the underlying ESDs;
- 2) A Travis County - COA Metro Fire Department;
- 3) A Travis County sponsored confederation of fire departments for everything outside COA within which each ESD participates and includes an additional Travis County tax component.

Chief Groman reported that there had been a meeting of fire chiefs shortly after the work session. 11 of the 13 chiefs were able to attend. The consensus of the chiefs present was that the option of a Travis County sponsored confederation of departments (option 3 above) with common standards and operating procedures was the best choice.

Motion by Moore: "Moved, that ESD No. 14 expresses its support to the ESDCC for the implementation of a Travis County supported confederation of fire departments with common standards and operating procedures."

The motion was seconded by Tanous and approved by voice vote.

11. Take Action on a resale deed that the county sold and needs ESD 14, LISD, Travis County and The Health Care District to approve and sign  
Chief Groman presented a request from Travis County regarding a tax foreclosure property that was recently sold. Each taxing authority, including ESD 14, is asked to sign a resale deed.  
Motion by Moore: "Moved, that ESD 14 authorizes its President to sign the presented Tax Resale Deed for the property identified as Lot 8 Resub of Lake Travis Subdivision....."  
The motion was seconded by Blunt and approved by voice vote.
12. Reimbursement and Payment Requests  
Treasurer Jordan presented three requests for payment:  
\$1,343.63 to TCAD for appraisal services;  
\$38,920.61 to VVFD, reimbursement per their written request;

\$2,000.00 to J. P. Ney, per contract.

A motion to approve all three payments was made by Blunt, seconded by Moore and approved by voice vote.

RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION

At 7:51PM President Stevenson announced the commissioners would immediately recess the open meeting and go into closed session pursuant to Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, to discuss agenda items 7 and 9. He stated the open meeting will reconvene shortly following the closed session.

OPEN MEETING RECONVENED

At 9:31 PM President Stevenson announced that the open meeting was reconvened.

There was no discussion or action taken on either Item 7 or Item 9.

13. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Tanous, seconded by Blunt and approved by voice vote. The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:32PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Lonnie Moore, Secretary