

Nueces County Emergency Services District #3
Meeting held on January 12, 2023
Station 1, Hwy 77 Bypass
Bishop, Texas 78343

1. Call to Order-Establish a Quorum
 - a) President Gary Eulenfeld called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There were four members present – Gary Eulenfeld, Barry Fuhrken, Mike Benton, and Carl Hill so a quorum was present to conduct business.
2. Attendees participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Oaths of Office for Board Members, election for new year
 - a) President Gary Eulenfeld conducted oaths of Office for Board Members in attendance. Necessary paperwork was completed documenting the oaths of office and the statements of elected/appointed officers. The election for officers was conducted with Gary Eulenfeld being re-elected to President, Mike Benton being elected to Vice-President, Russell Jungmann being elected to Secretary, Barry Fuhrken being re-elected to Treasurer and Carl Hill being elected to Assistant-Treasurer.
4. Introduction of Board Members and Member of the Audience
 - a) President Eulenfeld introduced members. Attendees were Thomas McElroy, Burt Zimmerman, Rhonda Payne and John Davis.
5. Open Forum
 - a) None
6. Approve Minutes
 - a) There were no new minutes presented so this will be tabled to the February 2023 meeting.
7. Fire Chief's Report
 - a) Chief Davis was unable provide a written report due to problems receiving information from Metrocom since the radio dispatching changeover. He reported that he has been working to obtain the needed information and will continue to try to get reports.
8. Sub-Committee Reports
 - a) Policies and Procedures
 - i) Work in progress, no further progress this month
 - b) Strategic Planning
 - i) Work in progress, Gary reported that he has not received a report from architects.
 - ii) John reported that he had met with the landowner about possible purchasing or leasing the building and property located at intersection of FM 665 and Driscoll bypass. He reported that the landowner wanted to sell this property for \$1.2 million or lease for \$4000 a month. John responded that we were not interested in the property for that price.
 - c) Budgeting
 - i) No action this month
 - d) Fundraising and Grants

- i) Gary and John reported that there has not been any activity this past month. Gary reported that the FEMA grant closing period was soon approaching and that we would need to submit something soon. Discussion followed about what we would like to pursue, and Gary suggested that he and John would meet to put something together to bring to the SAFE-D conference to gather input from the FEMA grant representatives at the conference.

9. Old Business

- a) Report on trip to South Dakota to inspect new Engine 31
 - i) John reported on the trip to inspect new Engine 31. He provided a report of the discrepancies found to the board members in attendance. (See attached list [Discrepancy Report](#). A conference call with the owner of Metro Fire Apparatus followed with the owner explaining the discrepancies and why the apparatus was not ready to ship to Houston for final work. John will drive back to South Dakota to make a final inspection to verify that the discrepancies have been addressed within the next few weeks. Metro Fire Apparatus has agreed to cover expenses for the trip.
- b) Discuss no man's land and the possibility of going after that tax base
 - i) Gary discussed that we need to network with other districts and attorneys at the SAFE-D conference to gain insight on how to proceed with the next steps to take with annexing the area known as "No Man's Land". Also, it has been brought to our attention that Russell might be working on obtaining the signatures for the petition that would be required for the elections.
- c) Report on discovery work on new reporting system
 - i) This item was tabled at this time due to Emergency Reporting not being discontinued at this time.
- d) Additional discussion on the possibility of replacement for Command 31
 - i) John reported that he received additional quotes from the company that had provided the new command vehicle for ESD#2. He reported that the price for this vehicle was approximately \$49,000 when ESD#2 purchased it two years ago and this a vehicle equipped like it today was quoted at \$73000. He recommended that we table this item for now until we can get the new Spartan Pumper delivered. Item was tabled.
- e) Act on the possibility of replacing the metal flatbed on tanker 32 with an aluminum bed and the possibility of purchasing a new pto pump and setting the truck up for firefighting capability.
 - i) This item was tabled at this time.
- f) Act on the possibility of acquiring a tractor with front end loader for the district.
 - i) Motion was made to remove this item from the agenda. Motion was seconded and passed.

10. Conduct any business necessary for the proper functioning of the E.S.D.

- a) Act as necessary on SAFE-D registrations
 - i) Barry reported that he had registered all of the Commissioners as well as Chief Davis for the conference. All the room reservations have been made as well.
- b) Act as necessary on radio system and Metrcom Dispatching
 - i)

11. Financial Statements

- a) Act on reviewing and approving payment of current bills
 - i) Barry made a motion to approve payment of current bills. Gary second, Motion passed unanimously.
- b) Act on the approval and payment of stipends.

- i) Barry made a motion to approve up to \$5000 for the payment of stipends from September 22, 2023 until December 21, 2023. Mike Benton seconded the motion and motion carried.
- c) Act on reviewing and approving credit card expense reports and statements
 - i) There were no credit card expense reports submitted. Burt submitted credit card expenses from the South Dakota trip but these need to be reported using the Zoho expense reporting application. Barry will resend the invitation so that he can gain access to Zoho and submit the expenses.
- c) Act on approving transfer of funds between accounts
 - i) Barry gave a report that we need to transfer \$75,000.00 from money market to checking. Gary made a motion to approve the transfer. Carl second. Motion passed unanimously

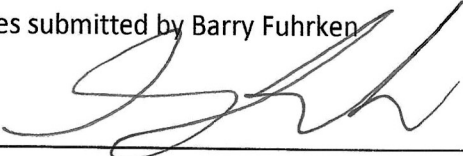


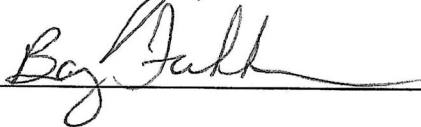
12. Executive Session

- a) The Board entered executive session at 7:50 pm to discuss and take necessary action on Hiway 77 South Property. The executive session was closed at 8:02 pm.

There was no action necessary to be taken because of the executive session.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Barry Fuhrken

	President
	Vice – President
	Secretary
	Treasurer
	Commissioner