

Nueces County Emergency Services District #3
Meeting held on August 12, 2021
Station 1, 205 South Pacific Ave.
Bishop, Texas 78343

1. Call to Order-Establish a Quorum
 - a) President Gary Eulenfeld called meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. There were three members present – Gary Eulenfeld, Barry Fuhrken and Carl Hill so a quorum was present to conduct business. Board members absent were Russell Jungmann and Mike Benton.
2. Introduction of Board Members and Member of the Audience
 - a) President Eulenfeld let each board members and member of the audience introduce themselves. Attendees were Board members Gary Eulenfeld, Barry Fuhrken and Carl Hill. Members of the audience were Chief Davis, Assistant-Chief Zamora, Deputy Chief Burt Zimmerman, Firefighters Thomas McElroy and Fidencio Sanchez III. Additional attendees were Jesse Breedlove, Territory Manager with MES Fire Equipment, Brian Russell, Apparatus Manager with MES Fire Equipment and Michael Collins, Territory Manager with Siddons-Martin.
3. Open Forum
 - a) No items were presented during open forum.
4. Approve Minutes
 - a) Carl Hill made a motion to approve the minutes from July 1, 2021 meeting and minutes from August 2, 2021 meeting as presented. Barry Fuhrken second. Motion to approve both sets of minutes passed unanimously.
5. Fire Chief's Report
 - a) Chief Davis gave Fire Chief's report on incidents from May and June. See attached report.
6. Sub-Committee Reports
 - a) Policies and Procedures – In progress, nothing noteworthy to report.
 - b) Strategic Planning
 - i) Decide as necessary when and where to conduct next fire station tour.
 - (1) There was discussion on when to set up next fire station tour in Fulton. The date of August 19th was agreed upon contingent with Fulton VFD and Architects. Gary will contact SNT to see if this date is good with them. John will contact Fulton VFD to set up the visit on August 19th at 5:30 pm.
 - c) Budgeting –
 - i) Barry reported that he will have adjustments to the budget that will be presented at the September meeting.
 - d) Fundraising and Grants
 - i) Chief Davis reported that he has received the last bid proposal from Lone Star Apparatus for the Wyatt Foundation grant. He will be planning on presenting the bids at the next Wyatt Foundation meeting.
 - ii) AFG Grant
 - (1) Gary reported that he has not received any more information on the AFG grant since last meeting.
 - iii) Insurance Program Application (HB 3667) application

(1) The Application package has been completed, signed and submitted.

7. Old Business

- a) Report on cover for Tanker 1, act as necessary
 - i) Gary reported that there has been an increase in the price of materials for cover. No additional work has occurred as far as getting pad site ready for the cover. Motion was made to table at this time, motion passed.
- b) Report on Radio Package for 800 MHZ Transition with Bishop PD
 - i) Chief Davis reported that the equipment was received and will be going to Harris Communications for programming of the handheld radios. When they are programmed, the mobile radios for the trucks will be programmed and Chief Day will provide additional training on their use. Chief Davis will get the invoice for the equipment and forward to Barry.
- c) Report on Rescue 33, discuss possible additional action
 - i) There have not been any bids received, motion made to table at this meeting. Motion passed.
- d) Report on purchase and installation of 30Kw Generator
 - i) Barry reported that the 30Kw generator has been purchased from Junior Kieschnick.
 - ii) The next actions needed on installation of the generator are a slab needs to be poured at the installation location. Gary will meet with Chief Davis at Mr. Kieschnick's shop to get dimensions needed for mounting. Plans will be finalized to try to have generator installed within the next month.
- e) Act as necessary for repairs to roofs on Station 1 and Station 2
 - i) Chief Davis reported that he had received only 1 bid on the roof repairs for Station 2. He reported that several companies had said that they would be out to bid, however they never showed up. It was decided to have him go out for additional bids, with Gary providing contact information of contractors for him to reach out to.
- f) Follow up and act as necessary on new email addresses for Commissioners and Primary Officers
 - i) There was discussion on action that is needed to obtain Web domain addresses for the Commissioners who have not obtained them. It was agreed that Barry would continue using the NCESD316@gmail.com address and Carl would use the email address he created when he was appointed commissioner, ie: commchill69@gmail.com. Gary will work with Russell and Mike to get their email addresses established.

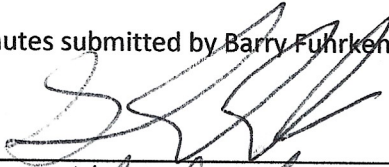

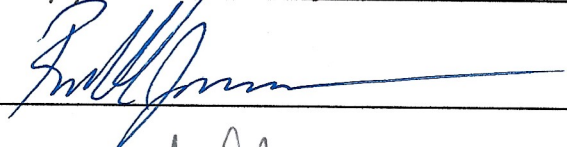
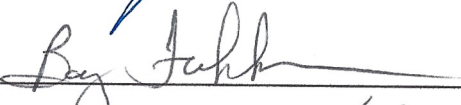

8. Conduct any business necessary for proper functioning of the E.S.D.

- a) Act on proposing Tax Rate for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year; Set Date, Time and Location for Public Hearing
 - i) Barry made a motion to set the Tax Rate for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year at a rate of \$0.10/100 dollar valuation. Carl Hill seconded the motion. Gary Eulenfeld called for a voice vote on the motion and motion carried with a vote of 3 in favor, 2 absent.
 - ii) Barry made a motion to hold the Public Hearing for adopting the tax rate of \$0.10/100 dollar valuation on September 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM at Fire Station #1 located at 205 South Pacific Avenue in Bishop, Texas. Carl Hill seconded the motion. President Gary Eulenfeld called for a voice vote on the motion and motion carried with 3 ayes, no opposing votes.
- b) Act as necessary on creating subcommittee to work on MOU with ESD6
 - i) Due to number of agenda items for this meeting, Barry made a motion to table this meeting for the September meeting. The motion received a second and passed.

- c) Discuss and act as necessary on purchasing new Engine.
 - i) Chief Davis reported that he had received the specifications and Bid packages from 3 separate Apparatus Manufacturers. These Bid Packages were from Pierce Apparatus (represented by Michael Collins, Territory Manager for Siddons Martin), Spartan Fire Apparatus (represented by Jesse Breedlove, Territory Manager and Brian Russell, Apparatus Manager for Metro Fire Apparatus), and Ferrera Fire Apparatus (represented by Jerry Haack with Lone Star Fire Apparatus).
 - ii) Michael Collins presented the bid package for the Pierce Custom Enforcer Pumper, 2nd Generation with a Unit Price of \$747, 651.00. The Delivery date would be within 14-15 months of order date. The loose equipment ordered is included in the vehicle price.
 - iii) Jesse Breedlove and Brian Russell presented the bid package for the Spartan Pumper on a Metro Star Chassis with all equipment and make ready items for a bid price of \$821,261.00. Delivery date would be within 465 days from the date of order.
 - iv) Jerry Haack with Lone Star Fire Apparatus was not able to be in attendance due to a death in the family but did provide the bid package for a Ferrera Custom Pumper with additional loose equipment. He stated that the delivery date would be 180 days after they received the chassis.
 - v) There was much discussion on the Pros and Cons of each of the bids presented. Carl stressed the fact that we have been having problems with keeping Engine 1 in service and questioned whether any of the distributors would be able to provide a demonstrator for delivery in a shorter time frame? After discussing this, it was revealed that we would not be able to get a truck to meet our specifications by trying to go this route.
 - vi) Carl made a motion to accept the bid presented by Metro Fire Apparatus with a second by Gary Eulenfeld. Motion passed by majority vote.
- d) Donate Engine 33 to Texas Forest Service to be given to Kenedy County ESD1.
 - i) Chief Davis reported that Engine 33 has been having a great deal of mechanical problems and is currently out of service again. He reminded the Board that due to problems with the pump, this unit is not longer being used a backup pumper on structure fires. He suggested that we could donate this pumper to the Texas Forest Service to be donated to another department through the Helping Hands Program. The [Helping Hands Program](#) allows the donation of used equipment while providing liability relief to the donor. The program routinely receives donations in the way of structural gear, fire hoses, nozzles, rescue tools, ladders, ventilation fans and other items that are essential to the operation of a fire department.
 - ii) Carl Hill made a motion to donate Engine 33 to the Texas Forest Service to use in the Helping Hands Program. Barry seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- e) Review and make adjustments to fire fighter's stipend contract.
 - i) Chief Davis enlightened the Board that the reports were not being completed by the firefighters and because of this we had missed out on the opportunity to submit the Firehouse Subs grant application. The Fire Chief's reports for the months of May and June also could not be submitted due to the lack of data due to the incomplete reporting. He requested that the Board reexamine the contract that provides for stipends to the firefighters to determine if any clause could be added to penalize the firefighters for not fulfilling their required duties.
 - ii) President Eulenfeld requested if Chief Davis had a copy of the contract that was approved in 2017 with the firefighters. There was no copy that could be readily provided.

- iii) President Eulenfeld directed the Board to try to come up with a copy of the contract by the next meeting in September. A motion was made to table this item until the September meeting. Motion carried.
 - f) Discuss and act as necessary on the possibility of ordering 2 new sets of bunker gear.
 - i) John reported that he was needing to replace 2 sets of bunker gear. He presented a quote from MES for bunker gear. The bunker gear quoted was 2 sets of FXR-Custom Turnout Coats and 2 sets of FXR-Custom Turnout Pants. The cost of the bunker gear quote amounted to \$6224.00. Barry made a motion to purchase the two sets of bunker gear, seconded by Gary. Motion passed.
 - g) Discuss the possibility of purchasing the new cab and chassis for replacement of Rescue 33 due to extreme shortage of new vehicles for next year.
 - i) John presented a quote from Grapevine Dodge Chrysler Jeep for a 2022 5500 CREW CAB 4X4 truck to be purchased through the Buyboard contract # [601-19](#).
 - ii) The total price quoted on the Buyboard contract was \$57,608. Carl Hill made a motion to purchase the truck from Grapevine Dodge Chrysler Jeep with a second by Gary. Motion carried.
 - h) Discuss the possibility of purchasing the station 2 property in order to build a new station.
 - i) Mike Zamora introduced a proposal to the Board about the possibility of purchasing the Station 2 property from the City of Driscoll. As it is now, NCESD#3 cannot make any permanent improvements to Station 2 because we do not own the property. There has been discussions taking place with the City of Driscoll to purchase the property and tear down the old Station 2 and rebuild on the same site. Mike Zamora will further discuss this with the City of Driscoll and report back at the next meeting.
9. Financial Statements
- a) Act on reviewing and approving payment of current bills
 - i) Barry made a motion to approve payment of current bills outlined in the discussion. Carl second. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b) Act on reviewing and approving credit card expense reports and statements
 - i) There were no credit card statements presented at this meeting.
 - c) Act on approving transfer of funds between accounts
 - i) Barry gave report we need to transfer \$120,000.00 from money market to checking. Carl made a motion to approve the transfer. Barry second. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Executive Session
- a) Executive session was not required.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Barry Fuhrken

	President
	Vice – President
	Secretary
	Treasurer
	Commissioner

MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting Type	Regular Meeting	Meeting Date:	9-14-2021
		Place/Room:	Station 1/Bishop

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