

Nueces County Emergency Services District #3
Meeting held on August 3, 2023
Hwy 77 Byp
Bishop, Texas 78343

1. Call to Order-Establish a Quorum
 - a) Secretary Russell Jungmann called meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. in the absence of President Gary Eulenfeld and Vice President Mike Benton. There were three members present –Barry Fuhrken, Russell Jungmann, and Kevin Keiper so a quorum was present to conduct business. Gary Eulenfeld and Mike Benton were absent.
2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
 - a) All Members present recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Kevin Keiper led all in prayer.
4. Introduction of members of the audience. Attendee was Mike Zamora.
5. Open Forum
 - a) None
6. Approve Minutes
 - a) The minutes for July's meeting were reviewed and approved. The minutes for April's meeting will be provided for review at next month's meeting.
7. Fire Chief's Report
 - a) Chief Davis was not present to give Chief's report due to large brush fire on King Ranch. Mike Zamora gave an abbreviated verbal report on fires that have been occurring.
8. Sub-Committee Reports
 - a) Policies and Procedures
 - i) No current action.
 - b) Strategic Planning
 - i) Report on work information sessions on additional sites for Station 2 relocation.
(1) Russell gave a report on background work during executive session.
 - c) Budgeting
 - i) Barry gave additional report on revised new budget for 2023-2024. See additional information in Old Business.
 - d) Fundraising and Grants
 - i) Barry reported that the HB 3667 Fire Department Insurance Assistance Application had been approved and Check for \$4560.00 has been received.
 - ii) Barry provided Mike Zamora information on new Safety Grant from Texas Mutual. Mike and Kevin will be looking into applying for this grant.
8. Old Business
 - a) Report on new Pumper progress
 - i) Waiting on delivery of new truck. It was exhibited at the Equipment show at Texas A&M Municipal Fire Conference and it was the hit of the show.
 - b) Report on work on Expansion planning
 - i) Work in progress

- c) Report on repairs for Engine 32.
 - i) It was reported that Engine 32 repairs have been completed and it has been returned to the district.
 - d) Review and approve as necessary proposed changes to budget for 2023-2024
 - i) Barry reported that we had received the final valuations and the budget was revised to reflect the increase in total anticipated revenues. This revised budget of \$1,039,393 was adopted by unanimous vote.
 - e) Review revised tax setting calendar.
 - i) Barry reviewed the tax setting calendar and target dates we need to meet to set tax rate for 2023-2024 tax year.
9. Conduct any business necessary for the proper functioning of the E.S.D.
- a) Act as necessary on changing to new program to replace Fire Recovery USA
 - i) No report, tabled.
 - b) Discuss 2023-2024 Tax rate, take vote to approve proposed rate and set public hearing date
 - i) A tax rate of \$0.10/\$100.00 valuation was proposed to be set which was the same rate that the district had this past year. Barry Fuhrken let the Board know that the 2023 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet showed was as follows: for the No-new-revenue tax rate of \$0.094199/\$100 (this is the rate that would bring in the same amount as in 2022), the Voter-approval tax rate of \$0.097718/\$100 (this is the rate that would trigger an election if de-minimus rate is not available) and the De minimus rate of \$0.145553/\$100. There was discussion on the three rates available and Barry made a motion to adopt the proposed tax rate of \$0.10000/\$100 valuation. Russell Jungmann seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken. Barry Fuhrken voted aye, Kevin Keiper voted aye, and Russell Jungmann voted aye. There were no opposing votes, with Gary Eulenfeld and Mike Benton being reported as absent. The tax rate of \$0.10000/\$100 valuation was approved.
 - ii) The proposed public hearing date of August 24, 2023, at 6:00 pm with the location of the public meeting being the fire station 1 conference room was discussed and approved by unanimous decision of the board members in attendance. Barry will make the notifications to the Nueces County Tax Office to prepare the notices for the paper and record the actions of the board in approving the tax rate.
 - c) Discuss and possible action on a resolution regarding a promissory note and security agreement for the purpose of financing a fire truck with Government Capital Corporation
 - i) Barry reported that he had been in contact with Government Capital Corporation and Community Leasing and presented them with providing options on the payment to Metro Fire for the purchase of the new fire engine. The total cost of the engine will be \$870,103 as stipulated by Jesse Breedlove with Metro Fire. A downpayment of \$500,000 will be made by NCESD#3 to Metro Fire with the balance to be financed.
 - ii) Barry presented the different quotes from Government Capital Corporation and Community Leasing for review by the board. Government Capital Corporation made a proposal for financing the \$370,103 for 10 years at a rate of 5.244% with annual payments of \$48,499.62 with payments starting in August 2024 and annually thereafter. Community Leasing proposed financing the \$370,103 amount for 10 years at a rate of 5.54% with annual payments of \$49,195.52 starting in August 2024 and annually thereafter. After discussion on the pros and cons of each offer made, Barry made a motion to approve the Government Capital Corporation proposal as presented, seconded by Kevin Keiper. Motion carried.
 - iii) Barry presented a resolution to the Board concerning the selection of Government Capital Corporation and NCESD#3 entering into a promissory note and security agreement for the

purpose of financing a fire truck. After the resolution was adopted by Board members in attendance, this document was signed with a copy to be sent to Landon Newton with Government Capital Corporation.

10. Financial Statements

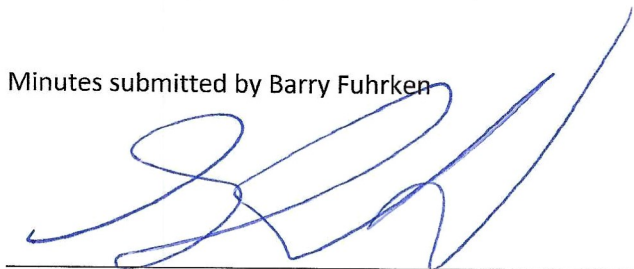
- a) Act on reviewing and approving payment of current bills
 - i) Russell made a motion to approve payment of current bills. Kevin second, Motion passed unanimously.
- b) Act on reviewing and approving credit card expense reports and statements
 - i) There were no credit card expense reports presented at this meeting.
- c) Act on approving transfer of funds between accounts
 - i) Barry reported we need to transfer \$600,000.00 from Texas Class to checking. Barry made a motion to approve the transfer. Kevin second. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Executive Session

- a) Executive Session began at 7:04 pm.
- b) Executive Session ended at 7:40 pm.
 - i) Security Camera Proposal
 - (1) Kevin made a motion to approve the recommendations provided by Midnight Technologies concerning the security camera upgrades. Gary will be notified to contact Midnight Technologies concerning our path forward.
 - ii) Station 2 relocation work-
 - (1) Kevin made a motion as follows- "To pursue a Good Faith Contract with Edward Gonzales for purchase of property in Driscoll located on West Garrett Avenue and to allow a payment of earnest money of no more that \$100,000 if so requested by Edward Gonzales in order to secure and hold the property until a vote of purchase is made at the Special Meeting that will be held on August 24, 2023." Barry seconded the motion and the motion passed.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Minutes submitted by Barry Fuhrken



President

Vice – President



Secretary

Barry J. Felt

Treasurer

Commissioner