

Williamson County Emergency Services District #3

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Minutes for Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 21st, 2015 at 12:00pm

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioner Brown called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

Commissioners Present: Bill Brown, Butch Miller, and Garry Guthrie

Commissioners Absent: Dan Hejl and Mike Cooper

Hutto Fire Rescue Staff Present: Chief Kerwood, MaryAnn Buchanan, Rob Bocanegra, Tom Hines, Louis Jahn, Eric Woods, Erick Benavidez

II. PUBLIC COMMENT & PRESENTATIONS

1. Public Comment – None
2. Fire Chief Report – Written report – Our Honor Guard led the parade this past Saturday at Olde Tyme Days and carried our new department flag. We currently have two firefighters in the honor guard academy going on Taylor. This will give us six total. Lieutenant Neal and firefighter Gibson assisted Hutto PD in an auto extrication mock up for their advanced citizen police academy a few weeks ago. Williamson County Commissioners Court adopted a resolution recognizing Hutto Fire Rescue as a Best Practices Fire Department. We will be doing our live fire training next week in Georgetown.
3. HPFFA Report – We participated in Olde Tyme Days and were able to sell a lot of Pink Heals shirts. The proceeds from that will go to Hutto Has Heart as they have a specific account set up for cancer related issues. We are also planning a golf tournament that is set for May 16th, 2016.
4. HCV Report – We still have three members. Two are finishing up the Taylor Academy and will challenge the state test to get certified and the one that is already TCFP certified will be getting on the truck in the near future and going on calls with the shifts. They will have their live fire training in November or December.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. None Scheduled

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The below Consent Agenda items are considered for approval by one vote unless a Commissioner requests for a particular item to be pulled and given further consideration as a Regular Agenda item.

1. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the regular meeting held September 10th, 2015, Workshop held October 6th, 2015 and Workshop held October 15th, 2015 with Hutto City Council.
2. Discussion and possible approval of accounts paid and accounts payable.

Commissioner Miller made a motion with a second by Commissioner Guthrie that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Passed 3-0.

V. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion on TFCA Best Practices Award Presentation. Burney Baskett, the Chair of the Best Practices Committee for the Texas Fire Chiefs Association, presented Chief Kerwood a plaque recognizing Hutto Fire Rescue as a Best Practices Fire Department. Hutto Fire is only the third fire department and the first ESD in the state to achieve this. This is an ongoing process that must be maintained as we will be evaluated annually.
2. Discussion and possible action on sales tax election. A town-hall meeting will take place January/February 2016 and newsletter and information will go out to voters explaining our needs for ongoing emergency services with growth and reasons for the election. The election will take place May 7th, 2016. Commissioner Brown made a motion with a second by Commissioner Guthrie to move forward with the sales tax election for May 7th, 2016 as presented by Mr. Avery and Mr. Campbell. Passed 3-0
3. Discussion and possible action on purchase of radios. We have to replace our entire fleet of radios. The cost is approximately two hundred thousand dollars. The thought is to obtain a loan and budget payments over the next several years. Doing so would also increase our debt service as recommended by the county tax office. Commissioner Miller made a motion with a second by Commissioner Guthrie to authorize Chief Kerwood to move forward in obtaining up to a two hundred thousand dollar loan with Union State Bank and expend those funds for radios and equipment as necessary. Passed 3-0
4. Discussion and possible action on appointments of ESD #3 Board Members to the workgroup with the Hutto City Council. Commissioner Brown made a motion with a second by Commissioner Guthrie to appoint Butch Miller, Mike Cooper and Rob Bocanegra as the committee to represent the ESD to work with the City of Hutto committee on this project. Passed 3-0
5. Discussion and possible action regarding future plans for ESD#3/Hutto Fire Rescue. Commissioner Miller made a motion with a second by Commissioner Brown to drop this agenda item. Passed 3-0

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

The Williamson County Emergency Services District #3 Board of Commissioners will adjourn from its regular session and convene in closed/executive sessions pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551:

1. None Scheduled

VII. FINAL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

The Williamson County Emergency Services District #3 Board of Commissioners will reconvene in open session to take any necessary action(s).

1. None Scheduled

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular monthly meeting will be held Monday, November 23rd, 2015 at 12 p.m. here at the station. The date change is due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.
Meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted: _____
Dan Hejl, Secretary Date

Approved: _____
Bill Brown, President Date