

Williamson County Emergency Services District #3

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Minutes for Regular Meeting

Thursday, August 22nd, 2024, at 12:00pm

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioner Robison called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

Commissioners Present: Todd Robison, Stephen Baldera, MariClare Gaidstick

Commissioners Absent: Dan Hejl, Butch Miller

Hutto Fire Rescue Staff Present: Chief Kerwood - Zoom, MaryAnn Buchanan, Eric Woods, Rob Bocanegra, Brian Matocha, Colt Richardson, Rick ZuaZua, Saunders, Hazelett, Wofford, Telles, Anaya, Petrmichl, O'Brien, Hamilton

Guests: John Carlton-Zoom, Keith Hickman, Lackshay Sharma

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public Comment – none

III. PRESENTATIONS

1. Fire Chief Report regarding facilities, apparatus and equipment, emergency operations, training, management activities, personnel matters, property tax, sales tax, intergovernmental relations, including written report. Played department video. FRAP program is underway as Dylan George was cleared by Wilco EMS to practice in that role. We have three more people working in this program as well. There are three more going to paramedic school in the fall. Richter has been deployed to North Texas with TIFMAS for approximately two weeks and is working as an engine boss.
2. Assistant Chief Report – written report.
3. Fire Marshal Report – written report – Currently have approximately 183 new construction projects.
4. Training Report – written report.
5. Hutto Professional Firefighters Association Report – no report
6. Hutto Explorers Report – meetings next week with HISD

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

1. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the regular meeting held July 25th, and special meeting held August 8th, 2024.
2. Discussion and possible approval of accounts paid and accounts payable.
Commissioner Gaidstick made a motion with a second by Commissioner Balderas to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Passed 3-0.

V. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding budget for fiscal year October 1st, 2024, to September 30th, 2025. Commissioner Gadsick made a motion with a second by Commissioner Balderas to approve the 2024/2025 fiscal year budget as presented. Passed 3-0.
2. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on District's 2024/2025 tax rate, including;
 - a) Take a record vote on the District's 2024/2025 tax rate and adopt an Order Levying Taxes;
 - b) Authorize filing the Order with Williamson County Tax Assessor/Collector;
 - c) Acknowledge and approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District website.

Commissioner Gadsick made a motion with a second by Commissioner Balderas that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.10, which is effectively a 5.10 percent increase in the tax rate; and authorize filing the Order with Williamson County Tax Assessor/Collector; and acknowledge and approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District website. Record vote takes as follows: Gadsick – yes; Balderas – yes; Robison – yes. Passed 3-0.

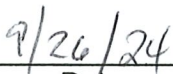
3. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the construction of Fire Station #4. We received a substantial completion date September 13th.
4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on going out for bids for the construction of the Fire Headquarters Complex. Currently waiting for comments back from the City. We do not foresee any issues. Commissioner Balderas made a motion with a second by Commissioner Gadsick to approve the release of going out for bids for the construction of the Fire Headquarters Complex. Passed 3-0.
5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on brush/squad 2 emergency repair. Commissioner Gadsick made a motion with a second by Commissioner Balderas to approve the brush/squad 2 emergency repair. Passed 3-0.
6. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on report from The Carlton Law Firm on 89th Legislative Session items. Chief should start receiving emails to begin attending meetings at the Capitol on topics relating to ESD's.


VI. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday September 26th, 2024, at noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Submitted: 
Dan Hejl, Secretary


Date

Approved: 
Todd Robison, President


Date