

SOUTHWEST LEON COUNTY ESD #2
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: January 19, 2021
MINUTES

1. Judge Byron Ryder performed the Swearing In/Oath of Office for returning commissioners Janey Shannon and Ruth Hime. (Caryn Thompson, who was out sick, will be sworn in at a later date.)
2. Ruth Hime called the meeting to order at 6:12 P.M.
3. Hank Dembosky led the Board in prayer.
4. Ruth Hime led the Board in the pledges of allegiance.
5. Commissioners in attendance: President Ruth Hime, Vice President Hank Dembosky, Secretary Janice Hall and Janey Shannon. Caryn Thompson was absent. Guests in attendance: John Shockey, Byron Ryder, Dianne Ryder, Ron Ryder and Linda Ryder.
6. Board commissioners present signed the statement of Elected/Appointed Officers for 2021.
7. Board commissioners present signed the Public Information Act form for 2021.
8. Officers for 2021 were elected. Hank Dembosky moved to keep the current slate of officers. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

REPORTS

9. Janey Shannon presented the Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Bills/Checks to be approved: 1 check was approved - \$76 for annual PO Box rent. Hank Dembosky moved and the Board unanimously approved payment of this invoice.
 - b. Two checks were received from Leon County for property tax assessments. It was noted that the county is 50,000 behind on collections from this time last year.
 - c. The Board reviewed the 01/19/2021 Financial Statements (Balance Sheet, P&L - filed with these minutes). Janey Shannon moved and the Board unanimously voted to accept the ESD Treasurer's financial reports for filing.
 - d. The Quarterly Investment Report was reviewed. Janey Shannon moved and the Board voted unanimously to accept the report.

10. The Board then reviewed the December VFD activity report and December Financials from HTLVFD, presented by John Shockey. EMS Activity Report was presented by Ron Ryder. EMS monthly performance measures as follows, noted in the activity report (attached to these minutes) were:

- EMS Responses: 23
- Transports: 13
- Avg. Response Time: 10:01 min.
- Avg. Out-of-Chute Time: 02:40 min.
- Fire Trainings: 0
- Volunteer Hours: 28 hrs

Prosperity Bank indicated to John Shockey that the remainder of the PPP Loan (\$10K) will be forgiven by the bank. Janey Shannon moved and the Board unanimously accepted the VFD December Financial Report for filing.

Fire Chief Gary Hall emailed November and December 2020 FIRE activity reports to Ruth Hime. Upon presentation and review of the November and December Fire Operations Report, Hank Dembosky moved and the Board unanimously accepted the VFD Operations Reports.

John Shockey presented EMS activity reports for December 2020. Janey Shannon moved and the Board unanimously accepted the EMS December 2020 Activity Report for filing.

11. Committee Reports & Actions:

- a. Long Range Planning: Did not meet in December
- b. Audit Engagement: The audit is complete and Ruth Hime passed out bound copies of the audit for filing.
- c. Report on status of Pecan Prairie Solar Project: Hank Dembosky has received information of an advisory company (Merit Advisors, Gainesville, TX) who has been hired to help companies navigate the payments from this project. Hank has emailed the contact at Merit. Property values are set to increase in 2022, when the agricultural exemption is removed from the property. Property values will increase again, as improvements are made to the property. Ty White is Operations Manager for the project and he has offered to come to the February ESD # 2 BOD meeting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

12. Ruth Him emailed the Annual Report (along with the audit) presented to Leon County Commissioners Court to BOD members, prior to the meeting. Ruth Hime sent information she has obtained on the Pecan Prairie Solar Project to John Carlton

for his review to advise the board on what would be advantageous to the district in handling funds coming in from the Project.

- 13.** Ruth Hime announced that the required publication of “Notice of Administrative Office” location was printed in the Normangee Star on January 6, 2021.
- 14.** Ruth Hime provided an overview of her planned presentation/report to be given by her at the Annual Meeting of the Hilltop Lakes Volunteer Fire Department’s 1/23/2021 meeting. The focus of her presentation is partnership and teamwork.
- 15.** The minutes of the December 15, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Janey Shannon moved the December 15, 2020 minutes be accepted and the Board unanimously approved the motion.
- 16.** Industry News, Training and Other Communications. SAFE-D is planning a ‘mini-conference’ in Ft. Worth in September 2021. The 2022 conference is scheduled to take place in Round Rock, Tx.
- 17.** Ron Ryder provided information that all wells in ESD # 2 (excluding ones behind Lake Normangee) will have updated signs due to a sale of the wells. With the ownership change, the well notification signs will be modified.
- 18.** The next meeting was set for Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 6 PM at the Fire Station.
- 19.** Adjournment: Janey Shannon moved and the Board unanimously approved the motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Hall, Board Secretary