Williamson County ESD No. 1

9218 Anderson Mill Road

Austin, Texas 78729

June 21, 2023 Board of Directors meeting minutes

Present: Adam Bryant, Laurie Golding, Alan McNeil, Mack Sherrod, and Steve Rundell.

Absent:

Guests: Keeling Neves, WILCO Fire Marshal’s Office, Brad Landi, and John Kiracofe.

Meeting called to order by President Bryant at 6:33pm with a quorum present.

Minutes from the May 17, 2023 were approved as presented.

New Business

* Chief Landi introduced WILCO Assistant Fire Marshal Neves. Chief Landi made the recommendation the ESD start utilizing the County Fire Marshal’s office for code enforcement, inspections, plan review, and investigations. Laurie Golding made the motion to rescind the ESD’s fire code and turn the above-mentioned responsibilities over to the County Fire Marshal. Alan McNeil seconded the motion. Motion approver 5 – 0.
* Commissioner McNeil gave an update on banking and investments. He presented sales tax revenue generated over a five-year period from SunPower and State Farm. He also reviewed Frost Bank transactions for the first six months of 2023 and current investments.
* Chief Landi presented the proposed 2024 budget for the fire department. Notable increases were for firefighter benefits.
* John Kiracofe presented the proposed 2024 budget for the ESD. He listed estimated amounts for all line items on the budget. Estimated taxable values were obtained from the WILCO Tax Assessor/Collector and property values appear to be lower from last year’s figures. Once he receives the certified tax roll from the WILCO Tax Assessor/Collector he can finish the budget. Tentative dates are July 19 to adopt the budget and propose the tax rate. August 16 to approve the tax rate. Public hearings yet to be determined.
* Chief Landi’s report:
  + Chief Landi updated the board on legislative issues.
  + HB 1775 will be brought up in special sessions.
  + Austin Housing Authority purchased the apartment complex at 8100 Anderson Mill Road. The City of Austin does not pay taxes or provide services. Chief Landi ask the fire marshal to investigate.
  + The video display for the classroom has been delivered and is being installed.
* Chief Landi requested the board consider a more secure door/keypad entry system for all buildings on the ESD property. Currently it is a keypad code system that is difficult to change. Former employees and volunteers that are no longer members of the department have access to all the facilities. The system he is proposing would cost approximately $7,000.00. Laurie Golding made the motion to approve the system with a second by Alan McNeil. Motion approved 3 – 0.
* Adam Bryant announced he will be stepping down as President for personal reasons.

Next scheduled regular meeting is set for July 19, 2023 at 6:30pm.

There being no further business Laurie Golding made the motion to adjourn at 7:50pm with a second from, Alan McNeil. Motion approved 3 – 0.

Steven Rundell

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer