

Williamson County ESD # 7 Board Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2024

resident Keith Couch- present
Vice President Mark Bell- present
Secretary Darrel Warren- absent
Assistant Treasurer James Shofner- present
Treasurer Laura Anderson - present

Also present at the meeting:

Fire Chief Ray Cummings
Operations Captain Brian Burkhart
Administrative Assistant Amy L Crane
Administrative Assistant Felicia Longoria
Lt Ryan
Dick Hanson
Kelli Carlton

Agenda Item # 1- Call to Order.

President Keith Couch called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Agenda Item # 2- Public Comment on items not on the Posted Agenda.

No Public comment.

Agenda Item # 3- Public Comment on items on Posted Agenda.

No Public comment.

Agenda Item # 4- ESD # 7 Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Laura Anderson presented the bank reconciliation for February 2024 reconciliation. The ending balance was \$4,159,654.38.

Agenda Item # 5- Fire Chief/Administrator monthly report regarding emergency operations, apparatus, response times, call volume, training, management activities and membership.

Fire Chief Ray Cummings presented the monthly report.

Agenda Item # 6- Williamson County ESD 7 Professional Firefighter's Association report.

Association President Derek Rogers stated the Association has no update this month.

Agenda Item # 7- Florence Volunteer Fire Department monthly report regarding emergency operations, apparatus, response times, call volume, training, management activities and membership.

FVFD President Andre Marin was not available to present the FVFD monthly report.

Agenda Item # 8- Update from land acquisition committee.

Chief Ray Cummings updated the Board stating Nolina will host an open house in May 2024. No update from the

Vineyard of Florence. For future location for a station. Treasurer Laura Anderson asked Chief Ray Cummings to inquire with Staccato Ranch on CR 233 for a future location,

Agenda Item # 9- Update from planning committee.

No update from the planning committee.

Agenda Item # 10- Update from apparatus committee.

No update from apparatus committee.

Agenda Item # 11- Review and approval of budget amendments.

Vice President Mark Bell made the motion to approve the budget amendment for training, as presented.

Treasurer Laura Anderson seconded the motion.

President Keith Couch- for

Vice President Mark Bell- for

Secretary Darrel Warren- absent

Assistant Treasurer James Shofner- for

Treasurer Laura Anderson - for

Motion carried.

Agenda Item # 12- Discussion and action on A RESOLUTION REGARDING RESOLUTION OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7 AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.

Vice President Mark Bell made the motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the disposal of surplus property and transferring to Rogers VFD. Treasurer Laura Anderson seconded the motion.

President Keith Couch- for

Vice President Mark Bell- for

Secretary Darrel Warren- absent

Assistant Treasurer James Shofner- for

Treasurer Laura Anderson - for

Motion carried.

Agenda Item #13- Discussion and possible action on purchasing PPE.

Vice President Mark Bell made the motion to approve the purchase of 6 sets of PPE totaling \$18,871.50.

Assistant Treasurer James Shofner seconded the motion.

President Keith Couch- for

Vice President Mark Bell- for

Secretary Darrel Warren- absent

Assistant Treasurer James Shofner- for

Treasurer Laura Anderson - for

Motion carried.

Agenda Item #14- Discussion and possible action on purchase of two engines.

Vice President Mark Bell made the motion to approve the purchase of two engines from Fouts in the amount of \$1,014,000 utilizing HGACBuy approximately 2 year buildout.. Assistant Treasurer James Shofner seconded the motion

President Keith Couch- for

Vice President Mark Bell- for

Secretary Darrel Warren- absent

INTENTION OF THE ESD TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ONE OR MORE TAX-EXEMPT FINANCINGS FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES TO BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR STATION 1 AND 2.

Vice President Mark Bell made the motion to approve the RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7, STATE OF TEXAS DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE ESD TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ONE OR MORE TAX-EXEMPT FINANCINGS FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES TO BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR STATION 1 AND 2. Treasurer Laura Anderson seconded the motion.

President Keith Couch- for

Vice President Mark Bell- for

Secretary Darrel Warren- absent

Assistant Treasurer James Shofner- for

Treasurer Laura Anderson - for

Motion carried.

Agenda Item # 22- Discussion and possible action on presentation of Texas CLASS, a local government pool striving for safety, liquidity, yield, and convenience.

No action was taken on the presentation of Texas CLASS for investments..

Agenda Item # 23- Discussion and possible action on conducting annual review of investment policy and investment strategies and adopt resolution.

Vice President Mark Bell made the motion to approve the resolution conducting annual review of investment policy and investment strategies. Treasurer Laura Anderson seconded the motion.

President Keith Couch- for

Vice President Mark Bell- for

Secretary Darrel Warren- absent

Assistant Treasurer James Shofner- for

Treasurer Laura Anderson - for

Motion carried.

Agenda Item # 24- Discuss statutory authority for fire investigation.

Kelli Carlton with The Carlton Law Firm updated the board regarding statutory authority for fire investigations pertaining to Texas ESD's. The law does not allow for a division to conduct investigations if a County Fire Marshal Office is established.

Agenda Item # 25- Review and approve payment of bills of the Williamson County ESD # 7.

Treasurer Laura Anderson made the motion to approve payment of bills of the Williamson County ESD No 7, as presented. Vice President Mark Bell seconded the motion.

President Keith Couch- for

Vice President Mark Bell- for

Secretary Darrel Warren- absent

Assistant Treasurer James Shofner- for

Treasurer Laura Anderson - for

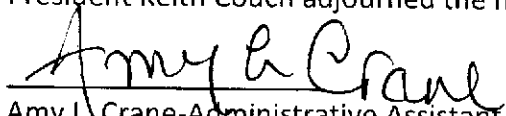
Motion carried.

Agenda Item # 26- Set date, time, and location for the next meeting of the Williamson County ESD # 7.

The regular meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

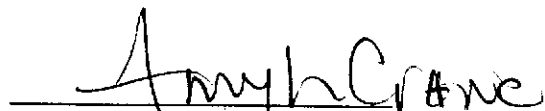
Agenda Item # 27- Adjournment.

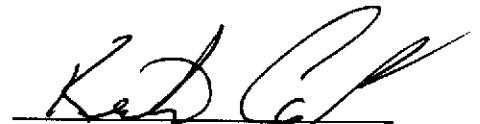
President Keith Couch adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.


Amy L. Crane-Administrative Assistant
Williamson County ESD # 7

Passed and approved by the Williamson County ESD # 7 Board this 21 day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:


Administrative Assistant Amy L. Crane


President Keith Couch