



Parker County Emergency Service District No. 7

1418 Greenwood Cut-Off Road, Weatherford, Texas 76088

Minutes of the Regular ESD 7 Business Meeting

Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm Station 41

The meeting was called to order by ESD 7 President, Edward Belding, at 6:09 pm.

The invocation was given by Edward Belding followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Review and Approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2021** – A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Gary Hall and seconded by Elizabeth Bozzell. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. **Service Provider Reports** – Chief Rodney Robertson reported for Cool- Garner, Chief Rod Bass reported for Greenwood and Chief Franco Ortiz reported for Millsap. The Call Volume report was reviewed.
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Present, Discuss and Approve the Treasurer’s Report** – The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Treasurer, Elizabeth Bozzell. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Check Detail by Elizabeth Bozzell and seconded by Gary Hall. The motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Touchstone Update** – Touchstone reported, via zoom, that they have sent the FAQs to the ESD 7 attorney for their review and will then have them placed on the ESD website. They will produce a flyer to be sent to the district and plan to attend at least one of the community events held by the VFDs prior the November 2nd deadline.
6. **Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Sale of old Cool-Garner brush truck, proceeds to go toward cost of new truck purchase** – A motion was made by Elizabeth Bozzell that Cool-Garner B243 will be sold and the proceeds from that sale will go toward the purchase price of the newly purchased truck for Cool-Garner. The motion was seconded by Gary Hall and unanimously approved.
7. **Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Electricity Contract** – A motion was made by Edward Belding to approve the best electric rate obtainable by TrueEnergy agent, Mr. David Bennet, with the 100% swing coverage. If no rate is better than that currently in force with Engie, ESD 7 will stay with Engie. The motion was seconded by Gary Hall and unanimously approved. Treasurer Elizabeth Bozzell will finalize the contract prior to the August 31, 2021 deadline.
8. **Discuss and Take Necessary Actin on Malware Bytes security coverage for ESD and VFD computers (5 computers covered)** – Following discussion and presentation of details, a motion was made by Gary Hall to approve the purchase of a three-year subscription for the malware bytes security for 5 computers. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Bozzell and unanimously approved.

- 9. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on automatic electronic payments for the Southside Bank loans** – A motion was made by Gary Hall to accept the presented resolution authorizing electronic bank payments for both the Fire Station and Cool-Garner engine loan (now Engine 41) to Southside Bank. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Bozzell and unanimously approved.
- 10. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on tax rate calculations for FY2022** – Commissioners will use the Voter Approved Rate of \$0.10. A notice will be placed in the Weatherford Democrat newspaper and one meeting held for public comment. The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 2nd at 6:00 pm at Station 41/ESD 7.
- 11. Interim Chief**
- a. **Discuss and Take Necessary Action on county upgrades to radio system – Interim Chief Robertson reported that the county plans to change to the new radio system sometime in 2023.** New radios for ESD 7 will cost upward of \$500,000. ESD 7 and Interim Chief Robertson will research purchase options and begin to plan for the expense.
 - b. **Staffing** – Interim Chief Robertson reported that due to many factors, it is getting more difficult to have all days covered. He proposed considering a pay raise and advertising in the TCFP paper. No formal action taken.
 - c. **Update on New Brush Truck** – Interim Chief Robertson reported that the truck has been ordered.
- 12. Discuss and Take Necessary Action regarding an ESD 7 representative on the GRVFD Pension Board** – Gary Hall volunteered to be the ESD 7 representative. The next meeting is this Thursday at 6:00 here at Station 41.
- 13. Adjourn** – A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Hall and seconded by Elizabeth Bozzell. The time was 8:35 pm.

Members Present: President Edward Belding, Vice-President Gary Hall, Treasurer Elizabeth Bozzell, Interim Chief Rodney Robertson, Greenwood Chief Rod Bass, Millsap Chief Franco Ortiz, and Leigh Boren.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leigh Boren, Administrative Assistant

Terry Hollis, Secretary ESD 7

Approval Date