

Hardin County Emergency Services District 2

Minutes of the Meeting of March 18, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Fritz Erbelding at 6:00 PM. Invocation was given by Chief Jeff Mc Neel. Pledges were said to the US and Texas flags. Roll call showed present Commissioners Evans, O'Blanc, Erbelding, Tumbleson and Koch. Attorney Kate Leverett was not present.

1. Meeting in closed or executive session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code:

a. 551.071, Government Code – Consult with legal counsel

b. 551.074, Government Code – Personnel

None

2. Public Comments – None

3. Reports

a. Fire & EMS Auxiliary Report- None

b. Fire Chief's Report:

- Increase in grass fires recently with an expected increase for this year as stated by the Texas Forest Service; total monthly call volume of 198 with average 7 per shift.
- E21 is back in service after a motor rebuild, a faulty sensor was found and replaced.
- New-apparatus committee returned from their factory trip; it was suggested doing away with the on board generator due to its size and location for a savings of \$18k.
- Mutual aid requests were for Fire Investigations.
- The 3rd in-house TCFP Fire Inspectors course is completed; other class included pump operations; Jim Jones taught the Jurisprudence class in Port Arthur.
- Skills testing for the Wildland FF course is next Friday.
- Personnel changes include 1 part time employee resigning.
- Hardin County SO is now carrying Jimmy Blanchard as our 3rd Arson Investigator.
- Exit interviewing process is being reviewed at this time.
- Budget focus is the Ad Valorem General Fund.

c. ESD Reports or Comments

i. Update on repairs for Station 3- The fire line is completed at the North Station and fire hydrant has water; fence needs to be repaired; bollards are in place; water faucet needs repair from freeze damage. Commissioner Tumbleson stated that since LMUD did the North Station for free he would like to see the left over supplies for the North Station work be given to LMUD to use as they need to, the value is <\$1,000. All agreed.

ii. Update on Covid-19 in our area and personnel- A total of 4 full time and 3 part time employees have had Covid-19; there are none to report at this time to be active or in quarantine. Hardin County will have their next vaccinations at the Lumberton Dome this Saturday.

4. Consent Agenda Items:

a. Treasurer's Report

b. Payment of Accounts Payable

c. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner O'Blanc stated that the capital asset expenses budget will be moved to the appropriate savings accounts. Commissioner Joe Tumbleson made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Commissioner O'Blanc 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

5. Regular Agenda Item: None

6. Items for the agenda of next meeting

- Moving all bank accounts to a new bank

7. Adjournment- Commissioner O'Blanc made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Tumbleson 2nd the motion. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

President Fritz Erbelding

Secretary Ernie Koch