

ESD 12 Henderson County, Texas

Minutes

March 20, 2023

Henderson County Courthouse Annex

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President David Monk.
Present: Kari Bersano, Nancy Bertholf, Danny Bristow, Cody Seale. Visitor: Chief Robert York, CVFD; Wes Johnston, CVFD.
- The minutes were approved as presented.
- Chief York presented a preliminary list of prioritized items the station would need. (Lists attached). Mr. Monk asked that next month cost estimates be added. The Chief explained the specific needs for requested items. Mrs. Bertholf asked if he thought these updates could help in recruitment. He replied yes and explained that the department was already getting more interest from qualified firefighters. The formation of ESD 12 has already started to attract attention. Chief indicted that the department would continue to be eligible for grants (ie Forestry Service). Mr. Johnston explained the possibility of getting a much needed “bay” for fire equipment on the north side of the railroad track.
- President Monk stated that most of what he had wanted to discuss was covered by Chief York. He asked members to carefully study the tax rate before the April meeting and consider his proposal of 10c. This will be an action item on the next agenda. Mr. Bristow had questions about the extra revenue from sales tax. Mr. Monk and Mr. Johnston (Finance Director for the city of Chandler) explained that the ESD would not qualify as most of this is claimed by the city through the Economic Development Corporation. Mrs. Bersano had questioned the cost of the SafeD required training (\$450) and it was agreed to wait until there is funding available for each member to register. Mrs. Bertholf said that all members had completed the Open Meeting Training. Mr. Monk reminded Mrs. Bertholf to put the announcement in the Athens paper.
- Nancy Bertholf moved to adjourn the meeting and Kari Bersano seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Nancy Bertholf