

**ESD 12 Henderson County
Minutes
January 22, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Monk. Visitors present were Cresha Foster, Dustin Epperson, Ray Hubbard, Cy Ditzler, Brandon Smith, Wes Johnston

- The minutes were presented and Mrs. Bersano moved to accept as written; Dan Bristow seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Monk introduced Ray Hubbard from VFIS insurance. Mr. Hubbard explained insurance coverage. Premium would be \$1292 annually. (Policy explanation is attached with secretary minutes). Mrs. Bertholf moved to use VFIS for ESD 12 insurance policy. Mrs. Bersano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- CVFD call sheet was reviewed. Wes Johnston and Brandon Smith presented information about the purchase of a new truck. It was agreed to add this to the February agenda.
- Mr. Monk reported that the county judge had reduced the bond for the treasurer to \$50,000. Payment will be \$520 for 3 years.

All members except Mrs. Bersano will attend ESD training in Irving February 23-24. Each member will secure their own hotel reservations and register on-line. They will be reimbursed after the conference. Mrs. Bersano will attend virtual training.

- Mr. Bristow reported a balance of \$326,826.94. His report is attached.
- Mr. Monk advised members to review the bank account applications from Vera Bank, Simmons Bank, and U-Bank. (Southside did not respond). After discussion, Mr. Monk advised U-Bank due to their higher interest rates. Mr. Bristow made a motion to make U-Bank the depository for ESD 12 funds. Mr. Seale seconded. Mr. Bristow, Mr. Seale and Mrs Bersano voted for. Mr. Monk and Mrs. Bertholf abstained. The motion passed.
- Mr. Bristow presented a resume and references for Mallory Hicks. The board agreed Mrs. Hicks was more than qualified to be hired on an hourly basis to assist Mr. Bristow as bookkeeper. Mrs. Bertholf moved to hire Mrs. Hicks as bookkeeper, Mrs. Bersano seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.
- Mrs. Bertholf moved to purchase a subscription to QuickBooks and a laptop and printer not to exceed \$1000 for the treasurer. Mrs. Bersano seconded and all members voted in favor.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:30Pm