

HENDERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #12
Board Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2024
6:30 PM
Henderson County Annex

The meeting was called to order by President Cody Seale. Members present were Nancy Bertholf, Kari Bersano and Danny Bristow. David Monk was absent. A quorum was established.

Guests were VFD members Robert York, Wes Johnston and recruit Grayson Delaney.

Mr. Bristow made a motion to accept the minutes from the September meeting. Mrs. Bersano seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bertholf moved to approve the treasurer's report (attached) and to pay the attorney's bill and Mrs. Bersano seconded. Motion carried.

Fire Chief York reported on recent calls (2 wrecks over the weekend). He displayed the new suits and explained how much better the equipment has been. The tanker has sold for \$42,000. The funds will be used to outfit the new truck. The brush truck needs a new pump (\$7k). The department is exploring possible grants with the Texas Forest service. The department is proceeding with a plan to provide air conditioning to the bays. It has been determined that the extreme summer heat in the building has caused rubber gaskets, etc. to deteriorate as well as meters. Manned departments do not have this issue because the bays can be left open during the day. Some early estimates for this improvement have been in the \$10k range.

President Seale will contact the lawyer about a recommended RFQ letter for proposed auditors. This will include Acker and Company (1614 W Grande Blvd, Tyler 75703), Gollob Morgan Peddy & Co (1001 E SE Loop 323, Tyler 75701) and Campos and Associates (100 Trinity Court, 75801). No action was taken.

The board took no action on vendor financing for the new truck. Ken Campbell will be contacted to clarify the process for naming a vendor.

Mrs. Bertholf stated that she wanted to make sure all members agreed that recruiting new volunteers should be a priority. Chief York's statements about providing training funds at last month's meeting had raised concerns about budget overages. President Cagle stated that budget amendments could be made if training exceeds this amount. Mr. Bristow stated that we need to be prepared to hire full time personnel in the future.

Members discussed attending the SAFE-D conference in Round Rock in February. Mrs. Bersano and Mrs. Bertholf stated they would attend but did not need housing. Mr. Bristow indicated that he would not seek a second term and, therefore, would not attend. The CVFD will name a member to attend. Mrs. Bertholf will make the necessary reservations on November 1 so we will be assured of on-site housing for those desiring it and will include a place for the new member.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM

Nancy Bertholf