

## **ESD Minutes December 16, 2024**

1. Meeting was called to order by President Cody Seale and a quorum was established.

Attendance: Cody Seale, David Monk & Kari Bersano, Absent: Nancy Bertholf & Danny Bristow. Kari Bersano was taking minutes.

2. Guests: Chief Robert York , Assistant Chief Wes Johnston, Mayor Cy Ditzler and Tyler Jordan. No public statements were made.

3. Treasurer Report: Danny had given Cody all financial statements to share in his absence. Bills to be paid will be paid by Cody. Current balance is \$411,383.94. Financial statements will be attached to the Minutes. Kari asked that Wes' monthly financial reports on the VFD be included with the Treasurer Reports, not to have a separate Agenda item. Cody clarified the lawyer bill from last month and will be paid this month. All further agendas will include language to allow bills to be paid as necessary by the Treasurer.

4. Review & Act on 2025 cost share allocation statement: Kari made a motion to pay the quarterly statement to the County, \$3265.24 by 12/31/24. David seconded motion and motion passed unanimously.

5. Review & Act on auto draft for bookkeeper payment: David made a motion to place the bookkeeper payment on auto draft, Kari seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

6. Review status of insurance renewal: ESD Insurance renewal is in January, there are no changes to the policy and it will be paid for in January. Cody to ask about including the new fire truck on the policy.

7. Chandler VFD Report: Chief York stated that there are 3 new volunteers, all with current or previous fire-fighter certifications. The Brush Truck is in Dallas getting the pump fixed. The new engine is coming along and they will fly Robert to South Dakota to view it once it is complete. All equipment for the new truck has been ordered and is on the way. Engine 3 has issues with the seals and is being working on also. Robert again confirmed the relationship with Smith County and their willingness to help cover while our trucks are out of commission. There was a mobile home fire & a fire at the Scott's factory this past month. Multiple other departments helped out at each one. Tyler Jordan is also helping to get info on more education/certifications for each volunteer.

8. Review & Act on designation auditor of record: Kari gave report that 2 of 5 auditors responded to requests with an estimate of \$15,000 & \$16,500. David has asked Kari to contact Mary Acker for an estimate. Cody made a motion to table the agenda item until January with the addition of one more auditor, David seconded motion and motion passed unanimously.

9. Review & Act on designation lender of record: David sent out notices to five financial intuitions:  
1. Vera Bank does not do these types of loans. 2. Southside was working with Government Capital. 3. Simmons did not respond. 4. UBank presented a proposal with 3.09% interest rate for 7 years. 5. Government Capital presented a proposal with 5.589% interest rate for 7 years. David made a motion to designate UBank as the lender of record with an interest rate of 3.09% for 7 years. Cody seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

10. In closing Cody thanked David for his service to the ESD and his leadership in getting the new ESD up and running. Kari made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cody seconded the motion and meeting was adjourned

Submitted by Kari Bersano