#### PC ESD #6

# Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes JULY 18, 2023

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

- Meeting called to order @ 6:35 P.M. by President D. Tillman
- o Members present: T. Lewelling, S. Harrison, T. Huffhines, D. Tillman
- o Invocation by Tim Lewelling.
- Pledges of Allegiance recited.

#### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

#### 1. OFFICER'S REPORTS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- o T. Huffhines signed checks.
- o T. Lewelling signed checks.
- D. Tillman signed loan documents and started the process for setting up the new CD's.
- o S Harrison attempted to move \$ at the bank but was unable.
- Motion to approve 20 June 2023 meeting minutes by S. Harrison: second by T. Lewelling. Approved unanimously.

## 2. ADMINSTRATIVE REPORT/SCFD: Chief GeorgeTeague.

- O June calls: 46 total; 23 EMS, 4 Fire, 19 Misc.
- O Response time: 9.64 min.
- O All Facilities & Apparatus in Good Shape

## 3. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - CRESSON: David Hendrix presenting for Chief Ron Becker

See attached report handed out by David Hendrix.

## 4. UPDATE ON STATUS OF MANPOWER / VOLUNTEERS – SCFD: Chief George Teague.

- o There are currently 3 applications on the desk.
- Have been waiting on the new PPE, so NOT urgent to add new responders.
- o Current staff at 33 responders.

#### 5. DISCUSS SALES TAX ELECTION: Discussion presented by Chief Teague.

- Attorney Ken Campbell (Austin) has been contacted for legal guidance and help through the initial phase of the Sales Tax process. The fee for this is generally +/- \$5k.
- G.T. has emailed the Parker Co. "Tax Lady" for an approximate cost share to ESD 6 for having a Sales Tax Election, which will be a percentage of all entities who have items on the ballot. G.T. said that in the past the cost has been a maximum of +/- \$3,500 (ESD 6's share).
- There was a short discussion of Chief Teague's preliminary budget for the upcoming year.
  More discussion to follow in next month's meeting.
- Finally, after further discussion by the Board, a motion was made by T. Lewelling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Huffhines, to authorize Chief Teague to prepare all information needed for a **Sales Tax Election in November 2023**.

#### 6. DISCUSS / DECIDE ON AN INTEREST-BEARING INVESTMENT (CD).

- o Tabled to next month's agenda.
- 7. Discussion / Finalize Annual Appreciation Banquet.
  - o Postponed until the Fall. Place this item on the September meeting agenda.

# 8. HEAR VISITORS WHO HAVE INDICATED BY SIGNATURE THEIR DESIRE TO SPEAK FOR FIVE MINUTES

No speakers

## 9. NEW AGENDA ITEMS.

- Agenda Item no. 6 shall be placed on the Agenda for the August meeting. Also, for the August agenda will be the following items:
  - Preliminary budget discussion
  - Update on Sales Tax discussion
  - Set dates for Public Hearings on Budget and Tax rate.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT.

O T. Lewelling motions to adjourn, S. Harrison seconds – All in favor.

Re: Cresson June report for Parker ESD 6 meeting

From: Ron Becker (beckerr@yahoo.com)

To: davidhendrix@sbcglobal.net

Date: Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 03:05 PM CDT

Revised to include the number of current applications, they ask that and I forgot to add it. Ron

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Finally, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend festivities went well. We had a turnout estimated at about 175 for the BBQ, and lots of activity on the big water slides and water obstacle course. The evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> we had several fireworks related grass fires, with 21 of us out "patrolling." At times we were working 3 calls at the same time, including an EMS call after a DPS trooper tased a subject twice and we had to remove the 4 Taser barbs and evaluate the patient for arrhythmias.

On Jul 13, 2023, at 3:21 PM, Ron Becker <beckerr@yahoo.com> wrote:

For next Tuesday's meeting at 6:30 PM up at ESD 6:

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