

## Minutes for Jan 8th 2024 Henderson County ESD Dist. 8 Meeting

All commissioners present as well Fire Chief District 8 Brandon Irby and Deborah Deas

Meeting call to order 10 am

No public comments

1. District Fiscal Year-David Deas recommended Oct 1st to Sept 30 and was agreed with comment from Phil Elery stating this would be the fiscal year going forward.
2. Banking-David Deas made motion to choose Athens Bank as ESD #8 bank as the depository for tax funds with the ESD #8 Treasurer's authorization to negotiate and sign a definitive agreement with Athens Bank no later than 30 days prior to receipt of anticipated tax revenue, Howard Calloway second the motion and was a passed with unanimous vote.
3. Accounting Software-Lengthy discussions of cost associated with accounting and software mainly in regards to utilizing Quick Books. David Deas recommended we table the discussion until further review of Quick Books and Howard Calloway second.
4. Attorney Needs-Phil Elery stated he wants to have in person meetings with attorney candidates and will schedule those meetings and at this time no reason to discuss.
5. Required Commissioners Training- Phil Elery discussed importance of all Commissioners finalizing online training for Open Meetings and Public Information Act. Brandon Irby stated the dates for the Safe D Meeting in Irving is February 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>.
6. Insurance- Discussions in regards to Hanford Insurance Group and Volunteer Fire Insurance was recommended by Phil to table discussions and second by Howard Calloway.
7. 2024 Budget 1yr, 5yr, 10yr, Plan-Phil Elery briefly discussed future budget needs and suggested we table this topic and John Johnson second.
8. Needs Assessment for District — Safety and Training-Phil discussed the importance of training for the volunteer fire fighters and how important it is that the ESD financially supports. Will be further reviewing District 8 needs of support and re-addressing for future agenda meetings.
9. Equipment Assessment-Brandon Irby has been asked to supply list of assets for all District 8 Fire and Rescue equipment.
10. District Tax Rate-Phil Elery stated we need to decide on a tax rate for the ESD in the near future based upon current property evaluations. Brandon Irby stated the estimated taxable property value for 2024 District 8 ETJ of Henderson County is \$1.55B.

11. Contract with District 8 Fire/Rescue-Phil Elery stated we will be further discussing a contract in upcoming meetings and some contracts can be quite lengthy. Brandon Irby stated he has sample contract which is 3-5 pages for review as an example from another local ESD in Henderson County.

12. Consider and Take Action to Adjourn- Phil Elery adjourned the meeting at approx. 11:20 am,