

Henderson County Emergency Services District No. 8

Minutes for Regular Meeting – October 1, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of Henderson County Emergency Services District No. 8, met for a regular meeting at 10:00 am on October 1, 2024, at District 8 Fire Station #1, 9518 FM 773, Murchison, Texas 75778 for the following purposes:

1. Call meeting to order: **Phil Elery called meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. All commissioners were present with Bill Bargfeldt, Deborah Deas, and Ray Hubbard from the public.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. Public Comment: **Deborah Deas was given 3 minutes to speak.**

REPORTS

3. Review and approval of minutes from September 3, 2024 meeting; **Phil Elery made motion to accept the minutes from September 3rd meeting and John Johnson made second. 5-0. Motion passed unanimously.**
4. Update from District subcommittee to address obtaining property and building new fire stations in the District: **John Johnson stated the survey had been completed on the Athens Loop property and would be setting a meeting to discuss with realtor and property owner next steps.**
5. Receive monthly report from District 8 Fire Rescue regarding emergency operations, apparatus, response times, call volume, training and management activities and take any related action; **Chief Brandon Irby stated the Fire Department responded to 60 calls for the month of September. Calls included 3 structure fires, 19 wildfires, 19 EMS, 3 Hazmat, 5 NBC, 7 public service, and 4 mutual aid. Additional training will begin in November for certification for Fire 1 SFMMA at the Murchison station. New decals will be applied to all new apparatuses. Average response time for volunteer fireman for the past 2 months has been on average 15 minutes, with testing performed for personnel at the fire station for one day that included 6 calls, greatly improved to an average response time of 1 minute and 43 seconds. At Safari Waters the agreement is in place and equipment has been placed at the subdivision facility. Burn ban has been extended to October 28th.**
6. Discuss and consider approval of the Treasurer's report and the payment of invoices, advertising expenses and reimbursement owed to Commissioners for out-of-pocket expenses; **Funds were deposited September 30th with a line of credit. Payments for the attorneys \$13,998, insurance \$1,076, and Fire Department \$34,595 were motioned for approval by a motion from Phil Elery and second by Howard Calloway. 5-0. Unanimous vote.**

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7. Discuss, consider, and take action on establishing District depository bank account(s) and investment account(s); **No discussion/changes at this time. No action taken.**
8. Discuss, consider, and take action on Insurance for the District; **Ray Hubbard stated that there should not be any significant changes/charges after policy is in place and will need a 2 month notice to renew. No action taken.**
9. Consider engagement of an auditor to perform Fiscal Year 2025 audit; **Initial discussions were held to retain auditor. No action taken.**
10. Discuss, consider, and take action on possible budget changes; **No discussions/changes at this time. No action taken.**
11. Discuss, consider, and take action on possible Fire Department payments; **Approval given earlier in meeting on Treasurer report in item no. 6.**
12. Discuss, consider, and take action on Mutual Aid agreements; **No discussion/changes at this time. No action taken.**
13. Discuss, consider, and take action on Commissioner Training for 2025, including attendance at the Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Services District (SAFE-D) Annual Conference February 6-8, 2025, at Kalahari Resort in Round Rock, Texas; **Phil Elery recommends early registration and importance for all commissioners to attend. Phil Elery made motion to approve annual membership and attendance for the 2024 Safe- D Conference in Round Rock. Howard Calloway made a second. 5-0. Unanimous vote.**
14. Discuss and consider items for future agendas; **No comments.**
15. Adjourn. **Phil Elery made a motion to adjourn at 10:29 a.m.**

DATE: October 1, 2024.





Phil Elery
President/Commissioner
Henderson County Emergency Services District #8

APPROVED

The Board may retire to Executive Session any time between the meeting's opening and adjournment for any purpose authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, including but not limited to: consultation with legal counsel (Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code); personnel matters (Section 551.074); discussion of real estate acquisition (Section 551.072); discussion regarding a prospective gift to the District (Section 551.073); and/or deliberation regarding security devices or security audits (Sections 551.076 and 551.089). Action, if any, will be taken in open session.

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