VAN ZANDT COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #4

MINUTES February 18, 2025

**Present:** Commissioners: Scott Davenport, Ray Thomason, Jerry Hill, and Robert Tisdale

WPVFD: Ed Leipply

Absent: Teresa Byrd

1. **Call meeting to order.** President Scott Davenport declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.** Scott Davenport led the pledge and Ray Thomason led the invocation.
3. **Public Comment: Citizens to be heard;** No one from the public was present.
4. **Recognition of ESD/VFD Volunteers.** Chief Leipply had no recognitions this month.
5. **Discussion of items for North Sub-station;** Scott Davenport reported he has received two quotes for the metal building. Cody Barrons, who uses a bolt system, and Kevin Alexander, who welds everything. The quotes are $100,000 and $114,000. Both quotes include the concrete for the building and spray foam. Additional costs would be the apron, electrical (including auto door openers and bay heaters), and framing on inside. Scott believes the entire project can be completed for $200,000. Ed provided a drawing of the inside layout of the building. Scott said he also knows a framer that can do the job. Ray said he will walk the property one more time. Scott said Kevin or Cody are ready to go whenever we are.

6. **Report from Treasurer Jerry Hill;**

a) The Operating account balance is $579,923.00, the ESD Asset Allocation fund balance is $21,047.92, and the Emergency fund balance is $23,441.89 with 2 CD’s that each have about $160,000.

b) Monthly Budget Report: Kristie provided the bank statements for January. The ESD has collected $843,659.12 so far this year. There were no questions.

c) Water Tinder Pay Off: The ESD owes about $165,409 on the water tinder loan. Ray Thomason moved to have Jerry Hill transfer the funds from the Operating account to pay off the loan. Jerry Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Report from VFD Chief Ed Leipply on current status of the VFD including:**

a) Current status of equipment: Engine 2 (old engine) is at Siddons-Martin for annual checkup. Chief Leipply has approved an expense of $4,000. The routine repairs will help keep the engine running. It is expected to be back in operation by the end of February.

b) Monthly Run Report: Chief Leipply reported 60 calls for January. The calls included 7 Fires, 47 Rescues, 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 1 Hazmat, and 2 Other type calls.

c) Monthly Budget Report including 2024/2025 Budget: Chief Leipply submitted his financial report through January 31, 2024. He said the budget is working, but will need to be adjusted for next year. He is still planning on adding weekend coverage next year. Scott Davenport asked about the bridge on FM 47. Ed said they are making the necessary adjustments. He has been told the bridge should be complete by May and the full project is set to be complete in October.

9 firefighters will attend training at Texas A & M in a couple of weeks. They will stay at the Embassy Suites with breakfast provided. Lunch is provided by A & M. A per diem is provided for dinner.

Robert Tisdale asked about recruitment. Ed reported they have announcements on FaceBook and the High School has a class of 4-5 students taught by Kilgore Fire School.

8. **Consent Agenda;** Jerry Hill moved to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2025 meeting. Ray Thomason seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Agenda items for the next meeting on March 18, 2025;** The March meeting will include update for the North Sub-station and 3-5 year plan for the ESD with plan for replacing PAC/Bunker gear.

10. **Adjourn;** Ray Thomason moved to adjourn at 6:41 PM. Jerry Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

By: Kristie Jones

Clerk, Van Zandt Emergency Service District 4