

Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 5

Minutes of Regular Meeting on March 20, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Barry Cryer at 5:01 PM

1. Establish a quorum and Pledge of Allegiance. **A quorum was present: Present was Barry Cryer, Tommy Sladeczek, Gary Kovar, Bill Lawson, and Mike Adams via Teams. President Barry Cryer called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. Recognize Citizens and Public Forum to address Commissioners. **None present.**
3. Reading and approval of meeting minutes from regularly scheduled meeting of February 20, 2023. **Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Tommy Sladeczek and seconded by Bill Lawson. Motion passed unanimously.**
4. Discuss and Approve ESD Treasurer's Report. **Motion to approve by Bill Lawson and seconded by Gary Kovar. Motion passed unanimously.**
5. Hear Monthly Report from Chief. **No action taken.**
6. Discuss and Elect/Re-elect board member positions. **Motion to keep the positions as they are by Tommy Sladeczek and seconded by Bill Lawson. Motion passed unanimously. President – Barry Cryer, Vice-President – Tommy Sladeczek, Secretary – Bill Lawson, Treasure – Mike Adams, and Assistant Treasure - Gary Kovar.**
7. Discuss and possibly approve the purchase of tablets for board members. **Chief Stewart stated that at the last Safe-D conference, the lawyers presented in a session that they recommend that the board members be supplied a tablet for legal reasons. This will also be a reduction in paperwork. All items we usually have in a notebook will be on the tablets including Wilco ESD 5 emails. Motion to approve the purchase of the tablets not to exceed \$3,000 each by Bill Lawson and seconded by Gary Kovar. Motion passed unanimously.**
8. Discuss and possibly approve one over hire. This will allow Wilco ESD 5 to have a 4-man crew at each station. Cost will be around \$47,000 and approximately \$5,000 for bunker gear. **Motion to approve the position by Bill Lawson and seconded by Tommy Sladeczek. Motion passed unanimously.**
9. Discuss and possibly approve light duty. **Motion to approve by Bill Lawson and seconded by Tommy Sladeczek. Motion passed unanimously.**
10. Discuss SAFER Grant update. Chief Stewart gave an update and informed the commissioners that he has been appointed to the SAFER Grant board. No action taken.

- 11.** Discuss and possibly approve Investment Officer and Investment Policy. **Motion to table by Tommy Sladeczek and seconded by Bill Lawson. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 12.** Discuss update on new Drone. **Captain Matt Whisenant gave a presentation on the operation and capabilities of the Drone. No action taken.**
- 13.** Comments from Commissioners. Information about JakeFest on May 6th in Lorena Texas and Weir Fire Department (ESD 6) is having a BBQ cook off on April 22, 2023.
- 14.** Adjournment. **Motion to adjourn by Bill Lawson and seconded by Gary Kovar. President Barry Cryer closed the meeting at 6:20 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted March 26, 2023, 5:50 A.M.

Bill Lawson Secretary