

Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 5

Minutes of Regular Meeting on May 15, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Barry Cryer at 5:00 PM

1. Establish a quorum and Pledge of Allegiance. **A quorum was present: Present was Barry Cryer, Tommy Sladeczek, Gary Kovar, Mike Adams, and Bill Lawson. President Barry Cryer called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. Recognize Citizens and Public Forum to address Commissioners. **None present.**
3. Jarrell City Manager Presentation regarding new MUD's. **Grace Matlock the interim City Manager gave a presentation on the total of housing starts in the next 5 to 7 years. Most of the new construction will be in MUD's North of the City of Jarrell. Solano Ranch is advertising 14,000 homesites, however the owners are stating that there will be 19,000 homesites. One MUD will be 7,000 homesites, another MUD will be 1300 homesites, another MUD will be 2400 homesites, another MUD will be 1700 homesites, and the last MUD will have 1400 homesites. Totaling about 32,800 new homesites. Most of these are just waiting for the Governor to sign. Barry Cryer stated this is in addition to the existing homes, and Grace stated yes. Bill Lawson asked what about the water for these areas. Grace said several of the MUDs are drilling wells. Jarrell Schwertner is planning on drilling a couple of wells. However, the aquifer will not support the amount of water needed for the development of the MUDs. Still no answer as to the capacity of water supplies to these areas currently. Grace left a map showing all this potential growth.**
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Reading and approval of minutes from regularly scheduled meeting on April 24, 2023. **Move to approve by Tommy Sladeczek and seconded by Mike Adams. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
 - b. Discuss and approve ESD Treasurer's Report. Mike gave a report on the Treasurer's report. **Motion to approve by Bill Lawson and seconded by Tommy Sladeczek. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
5. Hear Monthly Report from Fire Chief and Fire Marshall. **No action taken.**
6. Discuss and possibly approve creation of Engineer/Driver -Operator Position and promotion of Firefighter Trenton Hernandez. With Jake out we need to have a step up person to cover while Jake is out. Trenton has been through the process of higher rank so he can move up and meet the requirements. When Jake comes back, he can resume his

position. **Motion to approve by Bill Lawson and seconded by Gary Kovar. Motion passed unanimously.**

- 7.** Discuss and possibly approve increasing accumulation of sick time and creation of sick pool. Increase sick time now to 1000 hours and then start the accumulation of sick pool if one does not abuse the benefit. One has to participate in the pool to be able to draw from the pool. **Motion to approve by Bill Lawson and seconded by Mike Adams. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 8.** Discuss and possibly approve surplus stone piles located at station 1. **Motion to approve Tommy Sladeczek and seconded by Gary Kovar. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 9.** Discuss and possibly approve budget amendment. This is insurance money for the old drone that crashed and replacement of the new drone. This was the recommended path suggested by the auditors. **Motion to approve by Tommy Sladeczek and seconded by Gary Kovar. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 10.** Comments from Commissioners. **Bill Lawson stated that he and Fire Marshall Bobby Belcher tried getting the digital business cards. This is a way to not have to pay for business cards. This will be a cost savings to the department since the digital cards are free. Bill Lawson stated this has been a success for him.**
- 11.** Adjournment. **Motion to adjourn by Bill Lawson and seconded by Tommy Sladeczek. Motion passed unanimously. President Cryer adjourned at 5:33 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted June 4, 2023.

Bill Lawson Secretary