Harris County Emergency Services District No.16

16810 Squyres Road • Klein, Texas 77379-7489

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Klein Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) Administration Building by Emergency Services District (ESD) President R.S. Farrell (RSF). Present were members H.L. Marker (HLM), R.W. Carson (RWC), M.A. Pate (MAP), and S.T. Falkner (STF). Present as guests were KVFD President Barry Blum, KVFD Chief David Bessolo, KVFD Administrator Rich Jones, Brad Dill (of BD Reality Advisors, LLC), David Riddle (of the Precinct 4 Commissioner's office), and Garrett Berg (of the Precinct 4 Commissioner's office).

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Minutes of the August 11, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as amended (Motion: HLM; Seconded: MAP).

Financial reports for the period ending September 8, 2014 and bills to be paid were unanimously approved as presented (Motion: RWC; Seconded: HLM). The Commissioners signed signature cards for the bank.

The KVFD report included the following:

- 1. KVFD Chief Bessolo reported:
 - a) Regarding Station #7: (i) The generator did not start during a power failure. It has since been fixed. (ii) The beacon on the communications tower does not have a battery back-up. The contractor will fix this.
 - b) During the last month, the call volume has been high and included a train striking a pedestrian.
 - c) The KVFD elections for Chiefs and Board members will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014.
- 2. KVFD President Blum reported:
 - a) KVFD continues to wait for a second proposal to modify Stations #1 and #4.
 - b) KVFD's annual banquet will be held on Friday October 17, 2014 at Northgate Country Club. The Commissioners are invited to attend.
- 3. KVFD Administrator Rich Jones did not make a report.

Brad Dill's report and subsequent discussion included the following:

1. Regarding Station #3: (i) The station's feasibility deadline has been extended to November 30, 2014. (ii) Mr. Dill and District Council Ira Coveler will meet with Mr. Rob Wiley, the lawyer representing the owner of the land ESD 16 seeks to purchase. Mr. Wiley will approach the homeowners to see if they will be agreeable to settling the fence dispute. (iii) The water plant adjacent to the station is being decommissioned. The MUD asked the regional water district if they want to use it. If they do, ESD 16 will not be able to use this land for the new station.

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- 2. Regarding Station #8: (i) The plat plan has been signed and given to Hovis Surveying who will submit it for final approval. (ii) Mr. Coveler is working on the easements. Mr. Dill will follow up on this matter.
- 3. Mr. Coveler is working on a water line easement modification from 10 feet to 15 feet for the training facility.

Separate motions passed unanimously to table the following to the October 2014 meeting (Motions: HLM; Seconded: MAP):

- discussion of KVFD's financial projections for the next five years;
- discussion of the 2014 appraisal valuations and attending matters;
- the proposed 2015 District budget; and
- addressing the Commissioners' shirts issue.

H. L. Marker stated, "I propose that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.4996 for each \$100 of taxable value, which is effectively an 8.08 percent increase in the tax rate." Mr. Marker also moved that this District hold public hearings on September 25, 2014 and October 1, 2014 at 7:00 PM at 16810 Squyres Road, Klein, Texas 77370. M. A. Pate seconded the motions and they were unanimously approved.

There was no Executive Session.

There was a general discussion of long range financial planning for the district.

Discussion of items needing to be addressed to finalize construction of Station #7 was handled during Chief Bessolo's portion of the KVFD report. .

The next regular meeting was set and confirmed for October 13, 2014.

Mr. Riddle made a brief presentation on the role/responsibilities of the Precinct 4 Commissioner's office along with how they and ESD 16/KVFD can interface.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.



Respectfully submitted:

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