

# Harris County Emergency Services District No.16

16810 Squyres Road, Klein, Texas 77379-7489

## **MINUTES OF DECEMBER 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 No. 16 (ESD or District) 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 Administrator Rich Jones, District Counsel Ira Coveler (of Coveler & Katz PC), Brad Dill (of BD Reality Advisors, LLC), and Alex W. McCoy (of Harris County Republican Part [HCRP] Precinct 876).

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Approval of the minutes for the November 10, 2014 meeting was unanimously accepted as written (Motion: HLM; Seconded: MAP).

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

1. The agreement that extends Station #3's feasibility deadline to February 27, 2015 was signed.
2. Station # 8's plat plan was recorded.
3. Hovis Surveying is creating a description of Station #8's sanitary sewer and storm sewer systems and reviewing wording District Counsel Ira Coveler drafted about same.
4. There was a discussion of invoices from Station #8's architect, surveyor, and others.

Additional action was not required regarding approving an easement for the installation of sewer and water lines to service proposed Station #8.

Financial reports for the period ending December 8, 2014 and bills to be paid were unanimously accepted as presented (Motion: RWC; Seconded: HLM). A motion to approve and sign an authorization for the Texas Bank passed unanimously (Motion: RWC; Seconded: HLM). A motion to consent to KVFD's request for supplemental money (\$140,840.69) to cover 2014 expenses for the paid firefighters' expanded hours and number of personnel passed unanimously (Motion: HLM; Seconded: MAP). The money will be paid before December 31, 2014.

The KVFD report included the following:

1. KVFD President Blum said firefighters recently had several unsettling calls – such as being shot at and (along with the Federal Bureau of Investigation together with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms) dealing with five pipe bombs.
2. KVFD Administrator Jones said:
  - a. The trucks' warranties expire at the end of the year.
  - b. The new trucks had some mechanical problems – such as oil leaks and the air conditioning malfunctioning.
  - c. They are creating an internal computer network, which will allow them to terminate Comcast's services.
  - d. They are increasing the number of paid firefighters at Station #4 from two to four. Among other things, this will allow adherence to the buddy system – that is having two firefighters out of the danger zone who back-up two others who are in same.

Discussion of KVFD's financial projections for upcoming years was postponed to a subsequent meeting.

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## **MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2014 MEETING (Cont'd)**

A motion to engage in a contract with KVFD for 2015 passed unanimously (Motion: MAP; Seconded: HLM).

Station #7's outstanding construction matters have been resolved.

Reviewing and discussing long range financial planning for the District was postponed to subsequent meetings.

A general discussion about the upcoming SAFE-D Conference (January 15-17 at the Hyatt Regency in Bastrop, Texas) revealed that RSF, STF, KVFD Fire Chief Dexter, and KVFD President Barry Blum will attend.

No items needing to be on next month's agenda were mentioned.

There was no Executive Session.

Alex McCoy introduced himself and said he plans on attending future District meetings so he can learn about HC ESD #16 and its activities.

The next regular meeting was set and confirmed for January 12, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM following a motion for same by HLM, which RWC seconded.



Respectfully submitted:

**HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #16**

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