



**WILSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

Wilson County Emergency Services District #1 Board of Commissioners held an open meeting at Wilson County ESD #1 Fire and Rescue, Station #2, Community Room, 52 FM 3432, La Vernia, TX 78121, on July 9, 2020. Due to temporary rules adopted by the State of Texas in regards to the Corona Virus, the board members had the option to participate via video conference.

APPROVED 8-13-2020

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President George Jones at 6:02 P.M. The invocation was offered by Secretary Jim Burdette.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Honor to the Texas Flag were led by Vice-President Jones.
3. Secretary Burdette conducted the Roll Call of Commissioners and found George Jones, Bill Mainz, and Jim Burdette present in person. Commissioner Michael Trainer present via video conference, forming a quorum. President Quinten Kiolbassa was absent due to unavoidable personal business matters. Also attending were Chief Chris Thompson and Auditor Tom Dupnick. Advisory Board Member Gary Ullman attended via video conference.
4. There was no public comment.
5. Minutes for the meetings of June 14, 2020 and June 15, 2020 were approved 4/0.
6. After discussion of the Financial Reports, specifically the reserve accounts in Tex-Pool, said reports were approved 4/0.
7. Vice-President Jones discussed the process of adopting the 2021 Budget following the delivery of the certified tax roll the later part of July.
8. Treasurer Michael Trainer reminded the Board of the change of name for Heritage Bank to Third Coast Bank to become effective July 13, 2020.
9. Chief Thompson discussed the metrics for the month of June, 2020. Operating budget is right in line with years past. Runs are still below average but getting closer to normal. Mutual aid is increasing due to the dry summer brush and grass fires. The SAFER Grant should be announced toward the end of July. The department has 3 new-hires bringing the total of full-time firefighters to nine plus the Chief, Captain Blankenship and Kathy Nuernberg.
10. The adoption of the 2021 Budget was discussed in item 7 above.
11. There is a serious bid from Jim Wells County ESD 1 to buy the old brush truck for \$115,000. There is a backup bidder should the sale fall through.
12. Gary Ullman was appointed as an Advisory Board Member by a unanimous vote.

13. Payroll processing is being moved to ASSURE, Inc.
14. The next regular meeting was set for 6:00 p.m., August 13, 2020, at WCESD1 Fire and Rescue, Station Two.
15. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M., peace and harmony prevailing.

President Quinton Kiolbassa



Secretary Jim Burdette

