

MEETING OF THE WALLER-HARRIS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 200

Board of Commissioners of **The WALLER-HARRIS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO 200**. Was held on **Thursday, April 30, 2015** at **7:00 p.m.** at the **Prairie View City Hall, 44500 US Business 290, Prairie View, TX 77445**.

In attendance were: Commissioners: Tommy Albert, Gary Ferguson, Darwin Hargrave, and Tommy Davis; Legal Counsel: Mr. Katz and Mr. Peeler; Departments: Monaville VFD, Waller VFD, Rolling Hills, and Prairie View VFD and Gundersons Bookkeeping, the District Bookkeeper, and Mr. Weinman the ESD Director.

The Meeting was called to order at: 7:08 p.m. by *Mr. Tommy Davis*. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Mr. Albert.

- 1. To review and take action on resignation of Commissioner Brooke Robinson.** *Mr. Ferguson* made a motion to accept the resignation of Commissioner Brooke Robinson. *Mr. Hargrave* seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0. Mr. Katz did mention that the resignation letter Mrs. Robinson turned in was unsigned. She can also withdraw her resignation anytime before her seat is filled. Mr. Katz was asked to put on the next meeting agenda an action item to fill the empty commissioner seat.
- 2. To review and take action on financial and operations matters concerning Monaville VFD.** Fire Chief Scott Robinson and Blake Mounts, President of Monaville VFD got up and addressed the Board. Chief Robinson mentioned that Amy Williams, their bookkeeper fired them, so they are dealing with that issue right now of trying to get their QuickBooks copy. Monaville was given a paper copies, but was trying to get the QuickBooks copy, they are currently talking with Bo Hashaw the Constable to see what legal action can be taken.

Chief Robinson is also trying to get with the Trustmark Lender to get the payoff information for the Tender; they owe approximately \$52,900 on it. They are going to try to refinance the Tender to get a better interest rate and loan terms. Mr. Katz said he would try to contact Trustmark to see if he can get any information on the balance owed on the Tender. Monaville Rescue truck is being sold; they will make approximately \$20,000 on the Rescue truck which will be used to help pay down the Tender.

Mr. Albert asked if Monaville is out of funds and if WHESD#200 shouldn't have an in-depth audit down of Monaville, ESD funds and Donation Funds. Chief Robinson said that the district funds are still there, it is the Monaville donation funds that they only have approximately one month left. Mr. Katz said we can do an audit; we have to have approval from Monaville to look at the donations funds though.

Mr. Davis said that ESD needs to see an updated roster with a list of current fire fighters and board members. Chief Robinson said that they currently have twelve active fire fighters. *Mr. Davis* said that as long as Monaville is legal and hasn't breeched the ESD Contract that they are still good to operate.

Chief Robinson said that they are going to start working on their fundraisers to raise money for the department, and the \$20,000 from the sale of the Tender will hold them over for a while. *Mr. Ferguson* asked if we can request a Monaville funds audit. *Mr. Davis* said that the District should pay for it. It will give Mr. Robinson and Monaville a fresh start. Chief Robinson thinks it would be great and they are fine with it. They need a clean slate. Chief Robinson asked if the audit could go back to 2002. *Mr. Ferguson* asked about a statute of limitations. Mr. Katz said that there is something called a discovery rule, but suggested starting with going back 5 years and then if anything is found, they could go back further if needed.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to direct Mr. Katz to take action on having a forensic audit done for Monaville. *Mr. Albert* seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

3. **Adjournment.** *Mr. Ferguson* made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 pm. *Mr. Hargrave* seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Tommy Albert, Secretary/Treasurer