

# Caldwell County Emergency Services District #3

## Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting

### MINUTES

Thursday February 21, 2019 6:30PM

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting held at the Martindale Volunteer Fire Department located at: 111 Lockhart Street, Martindale, TX 78655

1. **Call meeting to order** – 7:34 pm
2. **Roll call of Commissioners** - Present: Ross Purcell, Bill Hamilton, David Murdoch, Richard Salmon – Absent: Jack Mudd
3. **Establish a Quorum** – Quorum present
4. **Review and approve Minutes** from the January 10, 2019 meeting – Motion to accept the minutes as written by David Murdoch - Richard Salmon, second - PASSED 4-0
5. **Call Report from MVFD** – Presented by Bill Hamilton – 23 calls in January / 22 responded to
6. **Financial Report** – Reviewed by members
7. **Discussion / Action item –Review and approve expenses** – Approved expenses: \$615 Admin fees, reimbursement check for file cabinet \$159.99 to Laurel Schuelke, \$1,300 to Katie Trisch for grant writing, \$45 for lawn care – Motion made by Richard Salmon - David Murdoch second - PASSED 4-0
8. **Discussion / Action item – LCRA Community Grant update** – Richard Salmon reported that the grant application has been submitted.
9. **Discussion / Action item – Water Tower Antenna** – Chief Germer reported that a solution to our radio frequency needs has been found using County frequencies instead of getting new ones and presented an estimate of \$6,500 to have an antenna installed on the Martindale Water Supply water tower with a battery backup system. This expense was in the previous 2 fiscal year Service Contracts with Martindale VFD and dropped this year due to not being able to get radio frequencies. Bill Hamilton moved to approve the estimated \$6,500 expense for an antenna with battery backup to be installed on the water tower, Richard Salmon second - PASSED 4-0
10. **Discussion / Action item – 2016 Block Grant update** – the ESD was not awarded the Block Grant. There was discussion about the need to peruse an engineer for a plan for the new Fire Station Project so that work can be started looking for other grants or a loan.
11. **Discussion / Action item – Sales Tax Election update** – Bill Hamilton reported that the ESD has missed the deadline to put the election on the May ballot. August will be the deadline to put the election on the November ballot. He stressed that the ESD will need a lawyer to help with the process and discussed help in the past received from Ken Campbell.

12. **Discussion / Action item – RDA Loan Application Process** – An RDA loan would be for the whole building, not just a shell. Richard Salmon suggested that the ESD get Judy Langford to come and give her ideas and suggestion on a loan application or other solutions she might suggest. He will follow up with her on a visit to the ESD.
13. **Discussion / Action item – County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan update** –Martin Richey of Homeland Security has referred the ESD to Carine Chalfoun of the Caldwell County Homeland Security who in turn referred the ESD to Dennis Engelke with Caldwell County who in turn referred the ESD to Heather Ferrara with H2O Partners. Heather provided information on types of participation levels the ESD could be involved with while perusing being added to the plan. Laurel Schuelke and Chief Germer attended a public meeting at 6:00 this evening regarding the HMAP process. The board requested to setup a conference call with Dennis and Heather to move forward in the process.
14. **Announcements:** Bill Hamilton presented Commissioner Jack Mudd’s letter of resignation from the Board of Commissioners.  
Bill Hamilton and Jack Mudd plan to attend a meeting with County Commissioner Ed Theriot regarding Martindale VFD inclusion in the Service Contract between the Caldwell County Sherriff’s Department and the tubing companies along the San Marcos River.
15. **Next meeting time and date set – Thursday 3-14-19 – 6:30pm**
16. **Adjournment - 8:32 pm** – motion to Adjourn Richard Salmon – David Murdoch, second  
PASSED 4-0