



## **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, at **6:20 p.m., March 12, 2020.**

**APPROVED** \_\_\_\_\_ **04-09-2020** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Meeting was called to order by President Kiolbassa at 6:20 p.m. Prayer was offered by Secretary Jim Burdette
2. The pledge to the American Flag and Honor The Texas Flag were led by President Kiolbassa.
3. The Roll Call of Commissioners by Commissioner Jim Burdette found Commissioners Quinten Kiolbassa, George Jones, Mike Trainer and Jim burdette present forming a quorum. Assistant Treasurer Bill Mainz was absent. Also attending were Auditor Tom Dupnick, Fire Chief Chris Thompson, Fire Department Administrative Assistant Kathy Neurnberg, and Branden Bard of the LVVFD.
4. There was no Public Comment.
5. The minutes of the Board's February 13, 2020 regular monthly meeting were approved 4/0.
6. President Kiolbassa noted that the Texas Comptroller had sent written notice of sales tax collections are to begin April 1, 2020.
7. Secretary Burdette noted that the Comptroller's annual "Special Purposes District" report had been prepared and transmitted on 2-24-2020.
8. Vice-President Jones conducted detailed discussion of the financial report submitted by Chief Thompson with the Chief and Auditor Dupnick. By 4/0 vote the annual allocation for the emergency contingency and equipment reserve funds were set at \$52k and \$62k respectively. The financial report for the month of February, 2020 was approved 4/0.
9. Chief Thompson submitted the monthly activity report for the Fire Department. Chief's report is included in this month's packet. The Chief advised that FEMA is about to announce an upcoming million dollar grant available to fund fire fighter personnel. The county grant writer, Michelle Mora, submitted a proposal to write the grant application for a \$3,600 fee. The board approve hiring Ms. Mora by a 4/0 vote.
10. Vice President George Jones reported on his meeting with the appraisal district. Lame excuses as to why the ESD's are being omitted from the tax rolls were presented. After a somewhat combative meeting, some 150 accounts that were omitted for as many as five years were updated for collection in the next taxing cycle.

11. Branden Bard of the La Vernia Volunteer Fire Department presented the draft of the By-Laws and a spread sheet of fund balances for the Board's review.
12. The petition to annex the Stockdale area was discussed at length as regards Stockdale VFD debt, equipment, man power requirements, etc. A vote to proceed is anticipated at the April Board meeting.
13. The annual Strategic Planning session will be conducted in May as scheduled at the April Board meeting.
14. The next regular Board meeting was set for April 9, 2020.
15. There being no additional business before the Board, a motion to adjourn passed 4/0 at 8:10 p.m., peace and harmony prevailing.

President Quinten Kiobassa \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Jim Burdette \_\_\_\_\_