



Medina County Emergency Services District # 1

Minutes Apparatus Committee meeting September 15, 2020 Station 10 Training Room

Called to order: 6:02 pm

Committee members: Rodney Hitzfelder, Michael Echtle, John Banning. All present.

Presiding: Commissioner Hitzfelder

Others Present:

- ESD1 Commissioners: Marvin Dziuks & Terry Beck
- Castroville VFC: President Michael Fischer & Chief Rick Lair.
- LaCoste VFC: President David Mangold & Chief Joe Wells.
- Medina Lake VFD: Chief Ben Hicks
- Mico VFD: Chief Jamie Esquivel

Purpose of meeting: Follow-up on committee recommendations for apparatus purchases and placements for FY 2020-2021. To receive any additional feedback or potential options prior to Apparatus Committee making final recommendation to the ESD1 Board of Commissioners for approval.

A general discussion regarding the original and updated recommendations of the Committee ensued. The committee had solicited and received written feedback from all departments on both recommendation letters. The revised recommendation letter reflected the original feedback. All departments provided written agreement feedback regarding the revised Committee recommendations. This was also confirmed during the meeting.

Commissioner Hitzfelder explained that due to the budget process approximately \$1,200,000 had been allocated for new apparatus. He identified that purchasing an Engine, Tender, Brush Truck for Station 15 will still fall within that budget line. Additional purchases of a replacement suburban for Castroville, cargo trailer for Mico and Rescue for LaCoste to support those missions as outlined in department feedback would increase the budget allocation need to \$1,470,000. Commissioner Hitzfelder summarized that the projected apparatus costs may be less and we may be able to include additional requests as funds provided. Chief Lair stated he had a lead on a 2017 Ferrara 3000 gallon Tender for around \$265,000 and could provide committee with info. Commissioner Hitzfelder stated he had no problem with a late model used Tender but would want to purchase a new Engine. President Fischer agreed the priority is getting Station 15 taken care of. Consensus agreed.

Discussion and clarification on the original proposed decommission of the air cascade trailer at Station 10. Chief Lair stated Castroville was the only one in the area with such a trailer

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and that it was used across the ESD and for mutual aid. He stated that surrounding agencies, such as Natalia, do not use MSA bottles and the trailer allows for refill of their bottles. Discussion of safety was mentioned as part of discussion. Assistant Chief Banning explained that the fill stand currently on the trailer does not meet any safety standards and was a safety hazard. A used fill stand was purchased at the time of the new SCBA compressor system to retrofit the trailer. Chief Lair indicated he understood the company that installed the Compressor was going to mount the fill stand. Assistant Chief Banning clarified that was not the case and we would have to install ourselves. Chief Lair indicated it could be taken care.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm

Submitted by:
MCESD1 Assistant Chief, John Banning