

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ESD 1
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

The Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County ESD 1, convened in session on June 15, 2022 with the following Board Members to-wit:

Members Present: J. Steven Weisinger, President
 Chuck Frank, Vice President
 Sharene Carr, Treasurer
 David Cooper, Assistant Treasurer
 Tom Rozier, Secretary

The meeting of Montgomery County ESD 1 was called to order on June 15, 2022, at 6:01 PM. by President J. Steven Weisinger. All members were present, therefore constituting a quorum. Also present was Fire Chief Jason Oliphant, Assistant Chief Shane Houser, Office Administrator Crystal LaCaze, Administrative Assistant Kayla Gibson, Battalion Chief's Jeff McDonald & Brett Pyles (Virtual), Deputy Chief's Kirk Bailey & Eric Rodriguez, and District Legal Counsel John Peeler (Virtual).

Addressing agenda item 2, No public comments were made.

Addressing item 3 of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 4 of the agenda regarding minutes from the prior meeting, the Board took action on the following:

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Frank and seconded by Commissioner Rozier, the Board voted unanimously to accept and approve the minutes as presented of the regular board meeting held on May 18, 2022, and the special called board meeting held on June 06, 2022.

Addressing item 5 of the agenda, the Board took action on the following:

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Rozier and seconded by Commissioner Carr, the Board voted unanimously to accept the financial report as presented by Office Administrator Crystal LaCaze and approve payment of the District's monthly bills.

Office Administrator Crystal LaCaze presented to the board a letter from First Financial Bank regarding Rate Modification to the Districts Interest Bearing Accounts. The district is currently earning a rate not less than 0.15% on all interest-bearing accounts. First Financial Bank is offering the district a new rate on all interest-bearing accounts at a rate equal to 85% of the average 91-day T-Bill rate with a floor of 0.25% and cap of 2.50%. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Carr, the Board voted unanimously to accept the First Financial Bank rate modification offer.

Addressing item 6a of the agenda, Commissioner Frank informed the board that the building committee had a meeting with BRW Architects regarding upcoming projects and District expectations.

Addressing item 6b of the agenda, Commissioner Frank expressed concerns to the board regarding the length of time to close on the 3.8-acre tract at the corner of Kennedy and Worsham in Willis, Texas. Commissioner Weisinger informed the board he didn't foresee any issues arising especially since the seller accepted the earnest money contract amendment allowing for additional time for the option period.

Crystal LaCaze informed the board that she received an estimate on what a geotechnical survey would cost on the 3.8-acre tract which was approximately \$7,000.00.

Commissioner Weisinger informed the board that we need a survey done first, which has already been ordered and would like for Crystal LaCaze to reach out to Terracon and get a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment proposal for the 3.8 acres.

Addressing item 6d of the agenda, Chief Oliphant informed the board that we received a City of Conroe Annexation notice on a previously discussed parcel.

Commissioner Carr asked Chief Oliphant what resulted from the automatic aid discussions several months back. Chief Oliphant informed the board that meetings took place with the City of Conroe and other ESD's, and an agreement was made on how automatic aid is dispatched out.

Addressing item 6e – 6g of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 6h of the agenda, District Legal Counsel presented a Resolution and Promissory Note from Government Capital on the \$7M loan secured by ad valorem taxes to the board for review and approval. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Frank, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the President and Secretary to execute the Resolution and Promissory Note with requested changes from Government Capital as long as it is substantially in the same format as presented to the board tonight by District Legal Counsel John Peeler.

Addressing items 8-10 of the agenda, under Government Code sections 551.071, 551.072, & 551.074 related to closed sessions, the Board convened into Closed Session at 6:52 PM.

Under item 11 of the agenda, The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:13 PM.

Addressing item 12 of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 13 of the agenda, Chief Oliphant presented the call volume report for the month of May. He also informed the board that we are working on the district's budget and would like to schedule a special called budget review meeting at the beginning of August.

Addressing item 14 of the agenda, no action was taken.

There being no further business, upon a motion made by Commissioner Rozier and seconded by Commissioner Carr, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:24 PM.

Crystal LaCaze
District Office Manager and Administrative Secretary
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