

Orange County Emergency Services District #3

District Meeting Minutes

P. O. Box 1474
Orange, TX 77631-1474

April 19, 2022

PRESENT: Wayne LaCombe, Charles Powell & Wes Journeyay

GUESTS: Matt Manshack, Joey Earnest, Connor Aultman, Avery Aultman, Jerry Spikes, Cathy Drake, Rick Lyttle & Terri Brzezinski

Teleconference: Chris Jagneaux

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

2. PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Motion made by Charles, seconded by Chris to accept the minutes from the previous district meeting.
Motion carried.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Motion made by Chris, seconded by Wes to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion made by Wayne, seconded by Wes to pay this month's bills of approximately \$32,835.85 plus personnel salaries and payroll taxes. Motion carried.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- Lamar State College Orange Proposal: Motion made by Charles, seconded by Chris to table item while additional information is obtained. Motion carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. NRG Cottonwood Contract/Collections: Motion made by Wes, seconded by Charles to submit the newly revised contract to NRG once a letter of intent for the past due invoices is received. Motion carried.
- b. Marine/Dive Equipment Inventory: Several items have been turned in. Dru still has a few items that needs to be returned. Reggie has turned in all items.
- c. Website and Microsoft Office 365 E-Mail: Motion made by Charles, seconded by Wes to include the following expenditures in this month's bill pay:
 1. Reimburse Seven-O-Industrial for expenses incurred to obtain the OCESD3.net domain and the associated E-Mail addresses for \$1,533.26.
 2. To hire A La Carte Solutions to design and maintain the OCESD3 website for \$4,320.00.

Motion carried.

- d. Board Member Replacement for Vacated Position: Application received and reviewed from Wesley (Wes) Journeyay. Motion made by Wayne, seconded by Charles to accept Wes's Application for Appointment to the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried. Statement of Elected/Appointed Officer was signed and executed. The State of Texas Oath of Office was signed, executed and administered.

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- e. Replacing Striping/Decals on Med 35 and Chief 1: Motion made by Charles, seconded by Wes to replace the striping and decals on the Med 35 and Chief 1 for the estimated amount of \$800.00 per vehicle totaling \$1600.00 overall. Motion carried.
- f. Equipment Purchase for Brush Trucks: Motion made by Charles, seconded by Wes to purchase the necessary equipment as presented (Exhibit 1) for the estimated cost of \$2,200.00. Motion carried.
- g. Purchase of a Tanker Truck: Payment will be due in full upon delivery which is expected in mid-August.
- h. 2022 Tax Year Homestead Exemptions: Motion made by Charles, seconded by Wes to accept the Homestead Exemption form as follows:
 - 1. No Percentage Exemption Approved
 - 2. \$10,000.00 Portion of Value Approved for 65 or Older Exemption
 - 3. \$5,000.00 Portion of Value Approved for Disabled Exemption.

Motion carried.

8. REPORT FROM ESD PERSONNEL:

- Matt reported that there were 39 incidents for the month of March. Details on Exhibit 2.
- Job shirts Fundraiser went well. \$755.00 cashier's check submitted to the board to aid in the purchase of the shirts.
- OCESD 3 and OCESD 4 have been discussing combining to form one ESD.
- Assisted Texas Game Wardens and Port Arthur Fire Department Dive Team in boat crash in Little Cypress Bayou at IH-10, Orange, Texas.
- Discussed the need for a sonar. Wayne mentioned he might have one to donate to OCESD 3.
- Researching the purchase of a new engine. If we sign a letter of intent now, it could save \$40,000.00 - \$50,000.00.
- Gravel needed in the area next to the boat shed.

9. OPEN COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

- None.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. Executive Closed Session: The Board recessed to go into closed session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and legal issues pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.
- b. Executive Open Session: The Board returned to open session at 7:55 p.m.
- c. Vote on matters discussed in Executive Session, if any:
 - Motion made by Wayne, seconded by Charles to accept the application as presented to the Board from Siles Compton, Volunteer. Motion carried.
 - Motion made by Wayne, seconded by Charles to table the application as presented to the Board from Robert McCurley. Motion carried.

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11. ADJOURN MEETING:

There being no further business, Wayne motioned to adjourn. Wes seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Wayne LaCombe
President, OCESD 3

5-3-22
Date

P.S.: The next regular District Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Station.