

# Orange County Emergency Services District #3

## District Meeting Minutes

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

*June 13, 2022*

**PRESENT:** Wayne LaCombe, Charles Powell, Chris Jagneaux, Wes Journeay & Cathryn Drake

**GUESTS:** Matt Manshack, Joey Earnest, Chase Powell, Connor Aultman, Scott McDonald & Terri Brzezinski

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

### 2. PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

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

### 3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

### 4. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion made by Charles, seconded by Chris, to pay this month's bills of approximately \$17,814.47 plus personnel salaries and payroll taxes. Motion carried.

### 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **NRG Cottonwood Contract/Collections:** NRG Cottonwood reported that they had to mail the contract to obtain the proper signatures. Once they receive the signed contract, they will call us to pick it up along with payment for this contract year.

### 6. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Purchase of Gravel for Area by Boat Shed:** Joey reached out to the county and was informed that to receive assistance, permission is needed from Johnny Trahan, Orange County Commissioner Precinct 1. Wayne previously spoke to Mr. Trahan and requested Joey reach out again.
- **Lamar State College Orange Proposal:** On hold, pending additional information.
- **Possible Sale of Ladder Truck:** No additional offers currently other than the \$50,000.00 offer from the Broker.

### 7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Taxing Information Received from Orange County Tax Assessor:** Discussion held on possibly raising the ad valorem tax which is currently at \$0.06/per \$100. Tabled until final values are received.
- b. **Repairs for Damage to Brush 39:** Driver side front tire blow-out. Tires were original (2011) and have been replaced. Quote received from Like New Automotive for \$2,600.00. It is estimated that we can make the repairs for approximately \$600.00 - \$700.00 (material & parts).
- c. **Purchase of Replacement Engine – Bid Proposals:** Four bids were received and discussed. Details attached on Exhibit 1. Committee (Five Member) prefers the Sutphen engine. Delivery time is estimated at 24 – 26 months once the letter of Intent to Purchase/Purchase Agreement is received. Wes made a motion, seconded by Chris, to sign and submit a letter of Intent to Purchase/Purchase Agreement to Texas Fire Apparatus agreeing to purchase the Sutphen Custom G9 Engine, at a Not-to-Exceed \$746,087.98.

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- d. Purchase of New Tanker – Progress Update: Still in production. Estimated to be received in August of this year.
- e. Purchase of Voice Amplifier and Mask for SCBA: Will assist in hearing while on calls. Two quotes presented. Details attached on Exhibit 2. Motion made by Charles, seconded by Chris, to purchase the voice amplifiers and masks from Dalmatian Fire for a Not-to-Exceed \$3,000.00. Motion carried.
- f. Adjustments to Night Shift Paid Staff Hours – Removal of Friday and Saturday Night from Paid Hour Rotation: Discussion held. Charles made a motion, seconded by Chris, to remove the Friday and Saturday night paid staff rotation until needed at the Chief's discretion. Effective July 11, 2022. Motion carried.
- g. Open Board Member Position: Application received and reviewed from Cathryn Drake. Motion made by Wes, seconded by Chris, to accept Cathryn's Application for Appointment to the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried. Statemen of Elected/Appointed Officer was signed and executed. The State of Texas Oath of Office was signed, executed and administered.

### 8. REPORT FROM ESD PERSONNEL:

- Matt reported that there were 33 incidents for the month of May. Several grass/brush fires.
- Burn Ban in effect for District 3 and 4.

### 9. OPEN COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

- NRG Cottonwood contract inquiry. Board confirmed that it is in progress. Discussion held on services to be performed.

### 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. Executive Closed Session: No closed session to discuss personnel matters and legal issues pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

### 11. ADJOURN MEETING:

There being no further business, Wayne motioned to adjourn. Wes seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Wayne LaCombe  
President, OCESD 3

Date

**P.S.:** The next regular District Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Station.