MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2025 MEETING OF THE FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 10

A Meeting was duly called of the **FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 10,** which was held on May 12, 2025, at Fairchild Fire Station, located at 8715 Fairchilds Rd., Richmond, Texas 77469.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Commissioner **RUSSELL STRATMAN**, vice president.

- 1. A roll call of commissioners was made under Agenda Item 1, and a quorum was confirmed, with Commissioners RUSSELL STRATMAN, RICHARED BREWER, MATT CYRUS and BRITTANY BUZEK being present (Commissioner Brian Satsky was absent). Also present were Josh Shed, Fire Chief of the Fairchild Fire Department, members of the Department, Howard Katz, attorney for the District, Brian Desilets, Clarity Consulting, the District bookkeeper.
- (a) The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was recited.
- (b) Approve Minutes of prior meeting(s).

The Board considered the Minutes of the April 23, 2025 meeting.

After review, Motion was made by Mr. Cyrus, seconded by Mr. Brewer to approve the Minutes of the April 23, 2025 meeting. After discussion, the Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

- 2. Public comment. None was offered.
- 3. Receive reports and comments with representatives of The Village of Fairchilds. No report. It was noted that the Village May 3 sales tax election was voted down.
- 4. Receive recent meeting with Austin Point developer. Commissioners Stratman and Cyrus along with Mr. Katz delivered a report. They said it was a very good meeting with the developer. They reported that the developer committed to a 2 or 2.5 acre tract of land for a new station in Austin Point. The Chief said there was consensus rough timeline target date of 2027 for station construction. Mr. Katz said the developer was very happy to hear that the ISO for the area was reduced to a 5.

5. Receive a Financial Report from Clarity Consulting, District bookkeeper.

Brian Desilets, with Clarity Consulting, the District bookkeeper, delivered the April financial report.

For the report, he said the Amegy bank account was \$182,827.60, and the Independent Financial bank account was \$100,100.19.

Mr. Desilets said the District's tax collections was 93%. He and Mr. Katz said that was a little below par rate through April 30. Mr. Desilets said that June 1 the 20% penalty hits and late taxes should be received.

After review, Motion was made by Mr. Cyrus, seconded by Mr. Brewer to approve the Financial Report. After discussion, the Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

6. Review and take action on revisions to District 2025 budget.

Mr. Desilets said no action was needed under this Item.

(a) Receive and review the District 2025 Preliminary Valuation report from Fort Bend CAD.

Mr. Katz delivered the Report. He said the report showed a preliminary taxable value of \$619,866,063. He said that compared favorably with the 2024 certified value of \$510,681,539.

7. Review consideration for a District sales tax.

Mr. Katz said the Village May 3 sales tax election failed and the Village would have to wait until May 2026 for another try. Mr. Katz said the District could go for a November 2025 1% sales tax election.

8. Approve payment of District monthly operating expenses and pay bills.

Mr. Desilets said there were District administrative bills to pay/ratify:

Clarity Consulting:

\$ 1,100.00 (Bookkeeping)

Howard Katz:

\$ 1,800.00 (Legal)

Infinity Services:

\$ 266.34 (website)

Amegy Bank:

\$ 41.35 (Bank charges)

Mr. Desilets said he contacted SAFE-D and it agreed to waive its invoice approved for payment last month due to this being the District's first year of operation.

After review, Motion was made by Mr. Cyrus, seconded by Mr. Buzek to approve payment of the District monthly operating expenses. After discussion, the Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Receive and review a report from Fairchild Fire Department regarding emergency services matters, including a run and response activity report for the prior month.

Without objection, the Board took up Agenda Item 10. The Chief delivered an operations report for the prior month. He delivered a run report, noting that YTD runs were 100. The Chief said that all days were covered in April. The Chief said turn-out times were Fire: 0 min 38 sec; and EMS: 1 m 51 sec. The Chief reported the department conducted hydrant training. He also said the Department was reviewing possible future apparatus purchasing. He said current costs are \$700,000.00 for a new Engine. Mr. Desilets said estimated financing cost for a 10 or 15 year term would range from \$68,000-\$110,000 per year.

9. Review and take action on payment of Fairchild Fire Department expenses pursuant to the Service Agreement.

The Chief presented a request of funding for the month of \$24,619.87. After review, Motion was made by Mr. **Brewer**, seconded by Mr. **Cyrus** to approve the Department payment request of \$24,619.87. After discussion, the Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

11. Review and consider action regarding engagement of Mike Montgonery (MSM- LLC) for consulting services for planning and future planning for delivery of emergency services in the District and fire department operations.

This Item was tabled until the July meeting.

12. Schedule future regular and special District Board meetings and workshops.

June 9, 2025 at 7PM is the next scheduled Board meeting.

13. Executive Session. None

14. There being no further business brought before the Board, upon Motion made the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Secretary