

GONZALES EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 1
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

1. Rene de la Garza called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.
2. Rene de la Garza established a quorum. Members present Rene de la Garza, Johnnie Hall, Donald Rihn. Linda Carter. Dr. Commie Hisey absent.
3. Rene de la Garza called for the recitation of the pledge of allegiance and invocation.
4. Rene de la Garza called for public comments. Benny Gila commented.
5. Rene de la Garza called for the discussion and consideration of the minutes of the August 15, 2019 regular called meeting, August 29, 2019 public hearing, and September 5, 2019 public hearing. Donald Rihn motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Johnnie Hall seconded. All agreed.
6. Rene de la Garza called for the discussion and consideration of the GESD#1 August Financial statements. Linda Carter motioned to accept the financial statements as presented. Johnnie Hall seconded. All agreed.
7. Rene de la Garza called for the discussion and consideration of payment of pending bills. Linda Carter motioned to pay all pending bills. Johnnie Hall seconded. All agreed.
8. Rene de la Garza called for the discussion and consideration of CPA firm for GESD#1 audit. Donald Rihn moved that Roloff, Hnatek & Co., LLP Certified Public Accountants be approved to conduct the audit of the GESD#1 for the fiscal year of 1/1/19 to 9/30/19 and that Donald Rihn Treasurer is authorized to sign the Engagement Letter. Linda Carter Seconded. All Agreed.
9. Rene de la Garza called for the discussion and consideration of revising the GESD#1 budget for year ending 09/30/2019. Donald Rihn motioned to revise the GESD#1 Budget for year ending 09/30/2019. Johnnie Hall seconded. All Agreed.
10. Rene de la Garza called for the discussion and consideration of amending the proposed GESD#1 budget for 10/01/19 to 09/30/20. Donald Rihn motioned to amend the GESD#1 budget for the 10/01/19 to 09/30/20 year. Linda Carter seconded. All agreed.
11. Gonzales County EMS and Rescue
 - a. Rene de la Garza called for the discussion and consideration of the Gonzales County EMS August Activity Report. Donald Rihn motioned to accept the report as presented. Johnnie Hall seconded. All agreed
 - b. Rene de la Garza called for the discussion and consideration of the Gonzales County EMS August Financials. Donald Rihn motioned to accept the report as presented. Linda Carter seconded. All agreed.
 - c. Rene de la Garza called for the discussion and consideration of the Gonzales County Rescue August activity Report and Financials. Linda Carter motioned to accept the report as presented. Johnnie Hall seconded. All agreed
12. Rene de la Garza called for the discussion and consideration of any matters brought forward from the Gonzales County EMS and Rescue Board of Directors. None
13. Rene de la Garza called for the discussion and consideration of extending the contract ending September 30, 2019 with Gonzales County EMS and Rescue. Linda Carter motioned to extend the contract with the Gonzales County EMS and Rescue. Johnnie seconded. All Agreed.
14. Rene de la Garza called to receive and approve report from the District's Administrator. Eddie Callender presented the report.
15. Rene de la Garza called for the discussion and consideration of the adoption of 2019 tax rate. Donald Rihn motioned "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.1000, which is effectively a 145.7% increase in the tax rate." Linda Carter seconded. Rene de la Garza - Aye, Donald Rihn - Aye, Johnnie Hall - Aye. Linda Carter - Aye. Dr. Commie Hisey absent.
16. Rene de la Garza called for the discussion and consideration of a letter of intent to purchase new ambulances. Donald Rihn motioned to sign a letter of intent to purchase 4 new ambulances from Frazer LTD. Johnnie Hall seconded. All Agreed.
17. Rene de la Garza called for the discussion and consideration of appointing a public information officer. Linda Carter motioned to appoint Dr. Commie Hisey as public information officer. Donald Rihn seconded. All agreed.
18. Rene de la Garza called for the discussion and consideration of adopting a Resolution to participate in a local government cooperative purchasing program pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, the Interposol Cooperation Act. Donald Rihn motioned to adopt a resolution to participate in a local government cooperative purchasing program pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 791 of the Texas government code the Interlocal Cooperation Act. Linda Carter seconded. All agreed.
19. Rene de la Garza called for the discussion and consideration of executing an Interlocal Participation Agreement, as authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, between Gonzales County ESD #1 and The Local Government Purchasing Cooperative, a local purchasing cooperative organization as set forth in Section 271.101, et seq., of the Texas Local Government Code, and appointing Eddie Callender, Administrator, as the Program Coordinator for the District. Item was tabled until the GESD#1 attorney could review the contract.
20. Rene de la Garza called for comments by the Commissioners. Donald Rihn mentioned Senate Bill 2.
Rene de la Garza then recognized Mayor Connie Kacir and Fire Chief Keith Schmidt who spoke about exploring options of a joint partnership to build new facilities. No discussion was held and no action was taken as this was not an agenda item.
21. Rene de la Garza called for the discussion and consideration of setting the next meeting date and location and any items that needed to be included on that agenda. Next meeting is 10/17/2019 at 4:00pm, Add Agenda item - focus group to explore option for joint facilities.
22. Rene de la Garza called for adjournment. Donald Rihn motioned to adjourn. Johnnie Hall seconded. All agreed. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

