

Henderson County ESD 12

MINUTES

Monday, May 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Henderson County Courthouse Annex by Chairman David Monk. All members were present. There were no visitors.

The minutes for the April meeting were approved as presented.

Mrs Bertholf presented the fee for the advertisement in the Athens paper. It was agreed to reimburse her for this along with the PO box rental when funds become available.

As directed by the board at the April meeting, Mr. Monk met with Chief York and CVFD financial director Wes Johnston to discuss concerns, future budget requests, ownership issues and the upcoming contract. The CVFD will have a preliminary budget ready for the June meeting. The board agreed a "reserve" will be included to be used for unbudgeted expenses and future equipment needs. Mr. Bristow added that some of the Smith County Volunteer Fire Departments do have at least one paid employee who acts as the driver for a truck to be used at a fire/accident. In that case, the volunteers meet at the site of the fire/accident and this cuts response time significantly.

The budget will be approved in July along with the operating agreement. Currently revenue income is estimated at \$400-450K. The exact amount has not been set by the Appraisal District and pending legislation might also impact the amount.

The contract with Henderson County Tax Office was presented by Mr. Monk. Kari Bersano moved to approve the contract and Cody Seale seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Bertholf will submit the contract.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05.