

HAYS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 3
Regular BOARD MEETING MINUTES
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1. **Call to Order:** Meeting held at 3528 Hunter Road, San Marcos TX, called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Tom Richey.

Board Members Present: Tom Richey, Ross Britt, Lea Ann Kenworthy, Leighton Stallones, Chase Stapp

2. **Board Meeting Minutes:** Chase moved to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2023 Regular Meeting and the August 8, 2023 Special Meeting. Ross seconded; all in favor; motion passed.
3. **Citizen Comments:** None to consider.
4. **Public Hearing:** Tom opened the Public Hearing on the District's proposed 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.10 per \$100 valuation, consisting of a Debt Rate of \$0.00 per 100 valuation and a Maintenance and Operations Rate of \$0.10 per \$100 valuation at 5:03 p.m.
5. **Open Session:** The board returned to open session at 5:15 p.m.
6. **Station 11 Foundation Repair:** Tom moved to secure Olshan Foundation Solutions to perform repairs to Station 11. Lean Ann seconded; all in favor; motion passed.
7. **Work Period and Benefits:** Ross moved to set the 207k firefighter work period to 28 days starting August 7, 2023. Lea Ann seconded; all in favor; motion passed. Chase moved to cover the cost of health insurance for new hires during the 90 day waiting period of our current insurance plan. Ross seconded; all in favor; motion passed.
8. **Apparatus:** Chief discussed the status of apparatus and future needs.
9. **Command Staff:** Information on the command staff hiring process was provided.
10. **TFA Education Programs:** Chief recommended suspending CAD241 and forming a steering committee to study the financials of the class. Ross moved to suspend CAD241. Chase seconded; all in favor; motion passed.
11. **FY 2024 Budget:** Ross moved to approve the 2024 Budget. Chase seconded; all in favor; motion passed.
12. **Ad Valorem Tax Rate:** Lea Ann moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 valuation, consisting of a separately approved Maintenance and Operations Rate of \$0.10 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 19.76% increase in the tax rate, and authorize appropriate District Officials and officers to take all actions to implement same. Leighton seconded; Lea Ann Kenworthy, Leighton Stallones, Ross Britt, Tom Richey, Chase Stapp in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
13. **Chief's Report:** Chief Simonson presented a report on the status of the department.

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14. **Treasurer's Report:** Ross presented the financial report. Chase moved to approve the report. Leighton seconded; all in favor; motion passed.
15. **Schedule Next Regular Meeting:** Meeting to be held at 3528 Hunter Rd., San Marcos TX. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. September 25, 2023.
16. **Adjourn:** At 7:00 p.m. Ross moved to adjourn the meeting. Lea Ann seconded; all in favor; meeting adjourned.

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