



DENTON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1
511 S. Gibbons Road Argyle Texas 76226

Jim Carter, President

Steve Harris, Vice President
James Price, Secretary

Jon Donahue, Treasurer
Clifford Travis, Asst. Treasurer

Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 4th, 2023 @ 5:30 PM

1. Board President Jim Carter called the meeting to order at 5:32pm, quorum present.
Roll Call by Megan Reynolds
Jim Carter, Board President – Present Jon Donahue, Board Treasurer - Present
Steve Harris, Board Vice President – Present James Price, Board Secretary - Absent
Cliff Travis, Board Asst. Treasurer - Present

Invocation by Denton County Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell.

Pledge of Allegiance: U.S. and Texas Flags by Denton County Commissioner Dianne Edmondson.

2. Denton County Judge Andy Eads administered the Oath of Office to Ricky Vaughan – Denton County ESD #1 Fire Chief.
3. Denton County Judge Andy administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Commissioners of the Denton County ESD #1: Sheldon Gilbert, Keith Mashburn, Richard Merrill.

Jim Carter recessed the meeting at 6:01pm to honor former ESD Commissioners, newly appointed ESD Commissioners, and newly sworn in Fire Chief.

Jim Carter re-convened the meeting into open session at 7:11pm.

4. Election of Officers

Board Assistant Treasurer
Cliff Travis motioned for himself to be elected as Board Assistant Treasurer; 2nd Keith Mashburn.
Vote: Unanimous

Board Treasurer
Cliff Travis motioned for Richard Merrill to be elected as Board Treasurer; 2nd Jim Carter.
Vote: Unanimous



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Board Secretary

Cliff Travis motioned for Jim Carter to be elected as Board Secretary; 2nd Richard Merrill. Jim Carter abstain.

Vote: Unanimous

Board Vice President

Cliff Travis motioned for Keith Mashburn to be elected as Board Vice President; 2nd Richard Merrill.

Vote: Unanimous

Board President

Cliff Travis motioned for Sheldon Gilbert to be elected as Board President; 2nd Richard Merrill. Sheldon Gilbert abstain.

Vote: Unanimous

7. Citizens comments were received.

8. New Business

A. President's Report

President Sheldon Gilbert read prepared statement.

B. President Sheldon Gilbert asked Assistant Treasurer Cliff Travis to discuss retention of auditor for DCESD 1 and AVFD audit; action on retention of auditor for DCESD 1 and AVFD audit reserved for after executive session.

C. President Sheldon Gilbert asked Assistant Treasurer Cliff Travis to discuss retention of forensic auditor for DCESD 1 for AVFD forensic audit; action on retention of auditor for DCESD 1 and AVFD audit reserved for after executive session.

9. Executive Session

President Sheldon Gilbert convened the board into executive session at 7:48pm pursuant to the Texas Government Code, annotated, Chapter 551 Subchapter D:



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A. Discussion and action on personnel matters; DCESD1 reserves the right to go into closed meeting on this agenda item under Section 551.074 or 551.071, Texas Government Code.

B. Discussion and action on legal issues, DCESD1 reserves the right to go in to closed meeting on this agenda item under section 551.071, Texas Government Code.

10. Open Session

President Sheldon Gilbert reconvened into open session at 9:20pm.

Cliff Travis motioned to authorize ESD President or designee to contract with Coveler & Peeler subject to receipt of acceptable fee schedule and scope of work for legal purposes; 2nd by Keith Mashburn.

Vote: Unanimous

11. Jim Carter moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:22pm; 2nd by Richard Merrill.

Vote: Unanimous

Passed and approved by the Board of Commissioners on this 18th day of January 2023.

Denton County Emergency Services District #1

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Sheldon Gilbert, Board President

Attest:

Jim Carter, Board Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jim Carter", is written over a horizontal line.