

COMAL COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Workshop Meeting Minutes, Aug 31, 2017

A Workshop Meeting of the ESD #1 Board was held at the Emergency Services Building at 353 Rodeo Drive, Spring Branch, Texas 78070 on Thursday the 31st day of August 2017.

Discussion/Action Items:

1. Call meeting to order: Having been duly posted, the meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by President Bill Gonser. Commissioners Harrell Hick, Rhonda Zunker, and Mark Schmalz were present and a quorum was declared.

Visitors in Attendance: Mechelle Salmon (BSBES), Mark Southwell (BSBES).

Workshop Agenda

2. Review and discuss Station 2 drone 3D model presentation made by the ProSight LLC representative at the meeting. No action will be taken: Commissioner Gonser and the ProSight representative presented the 3D model of the area prone to flooding around Station 2 recently generated by the drone flown by ProSight and the original building plans. Discussions followed about possible site modifications that could reduce/eliminate future flooding occurrences. Commissioner Gonser will contact the original building engineering firm (M&S Engineering) to determine the cost of developing the additional design/engineering needed to implement the drainage improvements.

3. Listen to other drone applications for police, fire, and EMS: A discussion was held concerning the use of the drone currently in service with Bulverde-Spring Branch Emergency Services and the potential to add additional types of sensors and/or drone types. Some options include the use of a tethered communications drone for close area coordination between the different first responder organizations. Another possibility is the use of infrared sensors to look for hotspots in house/grass fires or humans during high-water rescues. Chief Southwell suggested this topic be discussed at next week's Active Shooter Joint Response Committee meeting since that involves all the emergency responder organizations for the area.

4. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved at 5:20 PM.

Mark Schmalz – Comal County ESD1 Secretary

Board Acceptance _____ 2017 _____, Mark Schmalz
(Date) (Signature)