

CALL TO ORDER (1:00 PM) Jim Smith

WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS Jim Smith

#### GUEST SPEAKERS

- Bill Neve, Commissioner, Precinct 1 states county is in pretty good shape and we are not looking at a tax increase. Roads on north end of precinct are being worked on. The county tries to do all work in one area as it takes about \$2000 to move equipment. Funding for ESD was discussed and Bill is not recommending any increase for their funding at this time. People need to turn out for the upcoming election. Bill supports not spending money where not needed.
- Jo Karr Tedder, President, Central Texas Water Coalition (CTWC) CTWC supports 1.4 AF cap, LCRA supported 1.1 AF and rice farmers wanted less. A hearing was held in court and Law judges agreed with CTWC, and the issue then went to TCEQ. TCEQ voted to have no limit and the emergency order is in place until May 6. State climatologist is predicting 5-15 more years of drought conditions. Bill Wilson is the new general manager of LCRA now. He brought in outside businessmen to work on issues. He has met with CTWC and is meeting with them on a regular basis. CTWC is getting calls from around the state as how to set up similar groups. Jo feels that the only way will be to get things through the legislature is to work statewide. She recommends people consider tanks or rainwater harvesting because the outlook going forward isn't any better. Funding for CTWC is solely from contributions.
- East Lake Buchanan VFD Jim Cooper noted that since ESD was formed their equipment has been upgraded. They now have new fire trucks and new brush fighting truck. They just got a truck from the fire service that will be a super heavy duty brush truck. There are jaws of life on 2 trucks and AEDs on all trucks. Jim notes the big issue continues to be lack of water. A water tank has been built at Burnet County Park. Need to replace the tank here in CCS as it is not sufficient to fill the fire truck. Options are being considered and the VFD will be working with the POA on this. Water has to be available for them to fight fire. If our road gets blocked we need to shelter in place Jim Coopers place(at the top of Copper Lane) is a place of safety to ride out a fire. Currently have about 15 people volunteering for the VFD but not on a regular basis. Always looking for volunteers and not all help needs to be physical. Skills needed may include clerical skills and grant writing.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – 2013 ANNUAL MEETING approved as written

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report Ron Brannan reported on the current budget. POA members last year= 45 POA members this year=43.
2. Firewise Committee Report-Claire Harrah reported on the community Firewise effort. We are in the 5th year of being a recognized Firewise Community. Claire has attended the training. Notes that we are due for fire here. Most fires are started and spread by embers. Red flag warnings means severe danger and extreme caution is needed. Conditions now are windier and climate is drier. Small rains only add potential fuel by allowing grasses to grow, which then die and add to the fire danger. Brochures on ready set go were handed out.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Infrastructure Maintenance- Jim reported on work that has been done. Park was mowed and dead trees removed. Plan to clear and reclaim some roads. Road were done at Copper, Skippy, Minut, and a tinhorn and some road base added on Ledge to improve drainage.
2. Status of Amendment of POA Bylaws-Election to amend the by laws will be help in June. Only current POA members will be allowed to vote in this election.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Directors-Candy Smith, Ron Brannan, and Mike Moore are up for re-election this year. All elected by unanimous vote.

PARKING LOT ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT