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The Honorable Grady Prestage  
Fort Bend County Commissioner, Precinct 2  
303 Texas Parkway, Suite 213  
Missouri City, TX 77489

Re: Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 10 (Fairchilds area)  
Subject: Board Appointments

Dear Commissioner Prestage:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your guidance in the Petition process for the creation of Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 10 (FBESD 10), ultimately leading to the electorate approval for the recent creation of FBESD 10.

The next step is for the appointment of the initial board members of FBESD 10. In that regard, my thanks for your attendance at the recent meet and greet with the Fairchilds VFD Fire Chief and a few residents expressing interest in being appointed to the FBESD 10 board.

As background, a board of an ESD consists of 5 members appointed by Commissioner's Court. The initial board of FBESD 10 will serve until January 1, 2025, after which the board members who are appointed from time to time will serve staggered two-year terms.

The provision of Chapter 775.034, Health & Safety Code provides the qualifications to be an ESD commissioner:

*To serve as a member of the board a person must be:*

- (1) at least 18 years of age; and*
- (2) a resident citizen of the state and:*
  - (A) a qualified voter within areas served by the district; or*
  - (B) the owner of land subject to taxation in the district.*

Another aspect of the statute concerns a person's knowledge about the emergency services provided by the ESD:

*(g) The commissioners court shall consider relevant factors in determining the individuals to appoint as emergency services commissioners, including whether the individuals*

*have knowledge that relates to fire prevention or emergency medical services and that is relevant to the common policies and practices of the board.*

To assist with the process, Chief Josh Shed of Fairchilds VFD has forwarded to me for submission 5 candidates for your consideration for appointment to the initial FBESD 10 board.

They are: Mr. Matt Cyrus; Ms. Shelby Armstrong; Mr. Richard Brewer; Mr. Brian Satsky; Mr. Russell Stratman.

All these applicants, some of whom you met at the meet and greet, are qualified under the statute to serve on the FBESD 10 board. In reviewing the following excerpts from their introduction letters, each, I think, has the background and knowledge to serve and be excellent board members.

**Mr. Matt Cyrus:**

Hello,

My name is Matthew Cyrus and I currently live at 9555 Psencik rd Richmond tx 77469. I have lived in the Fairchilds area since 2016.

I am currently a full time firefighter with Stafford Fire Department, where I hold the rank of Lieutenant. I have been with Stafford for 8 years. Before Stafford I was with the Richmond Fire Department for almost 8 years.

I look forward to working with the ESD #10 Board and Fairchild Fire Department.

Thanks

Matt Cyrus  
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**Ms. Shelby Armstrong:**

My name is Shelby Armstrong, and my home is located at 7939 Vacek Meadows Loop, Richmond, TX 77469. I have resided in the Fairchilds area for 2-1/2 years. Prior to that I lived in the Needville area for 8 years.

I am employed with Fort Bend County and work as a Clerk in the Vehicle Maintenance Department. I started working there in July 2023. Before then I worked as a Customer Service Representative for Educator Depot from July 2021 to July 2023. From October 2018 to July 2021, I worked as an Assistant Supervisor at TCDJ Rosharon.

I have Volunteered to help at the Fairchild Fire Department Fundraising since 2018.

I am excited to have ESD #10 in our area. I would very much accept a position on the ESD #10 board. I am very organized and detailed oriented and would like to use my skills to help ESD #10.

Thank you.

Shelby Armstrong

**Mr. Richard Brewer:**

My name is Richard Brewer, and I reside at 8820 Fairchilds Road, Richmond TX 77469. I have lived in the Village of Fairchilds since 2014.

I have also served as a volunteer member of the Fairchild Volunteer Fire Department starting in 2008 till I changed jobs in 2015.

Upon graduating from Wharton County Junior College in 2011, I started working at Fort Bend County Drainage District, as a Heavy Equipment Operator, in 2011 till 2015. In 2015, I was granted an opportunity to join my uncle, to assist with the family farming operation; which I currently still do. The majority of the land that we farm are in the area which the ESD #10 will cover.

While serving as a volunteer in the Fairchild Volunteer Fire Department, I held the position of Lieutenant, from 2010-2012; and Captain, from 2013-2015. Also, while serving in the Department, I was a part of the Annual Benefit Fundraiser, where I coordinated the meal plates being served to the community. Even upon my departure from the department, I still have worked with the Chief, and other members of the department, with fundraising efforts, and have been in charge of the meal prep portion for the event to this day.

I feel my past involvement, in the department, along with my knowledge of the area and the needs that will be required, would help serve the ESD #10, as a member of the Board.

Thank You,  
Richard Brewer

**Mr. Brian Satsky:**

My name is Brian Satsky, and I have lived at 9830 Hein Rd, Richmond, TX 77469, since 1999. My parents originally owned the residence, and my wife and I purchased it in 2018. I have lived in the Fairchilds area since I was in the first grade at Needville ISD. I am a graduate of Needville ISD and will soon have my daughter graduate as well.



I proudly joined the Fairchilds' VFD when I turned 16 as a junior volunteer. I rose through the ranks and held several positions, including Lieutenant, Captain, Training Captain, Assistant Chief, and Treasurer. I enjoyed it so much that, at one point, I was also a member of Pleak VFD. After a total of 21 years, I retired.

At the age of 18, I proudly joined the Texas Army National Guard, embarking on a journey of leadership and service. Over the last 29 years, I have been deployed 3 times, served in several units, and held leadership positions, starting as a Non-Commission Officer (NCO) in 1999 and currently serving as a Battalion Command Sergeant Major. My journey to this position has involved attending several leadership schools and honing my organizational skills.

I started working for CenterPoint Energy in 2000 as a Headline Mechanic at the Fort Bend Service Center. This job allows me to assist my community by keeping the power on and educating the general public on how our system works or how electricity works.

As you have learned, my life has been dedicated to working, assisting, and providing a service to my community. It would be a true honor for me to continue this service in a new capacity, as a board member of ESD #10. I humbly request your consideration in this matter, as I am eager to contribute my skills and experience to the betterment of our community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Satsky

**Mr. Russell Stratman:**

My name is Russell Stratman and I live at 7711 Leroy Rd. Richmond 77469. I have resided at this residence for 32 years. I graduated from Terry High School and served 4 years in the military.

I have been employed with Neil's Photography since 1995 and I have been the owner/operator of my own business Photo Design for 15 years. I have been a proud supporter of the Fairchild FD for years helping with fundraisers and other needs of the department.

I have been involved with several volunteer organizations and established a 501c3 Friends of the Needville Shooting Team. I have been an advocate for the ESD and feel that I can be an asset to ESD #10 as a board member.

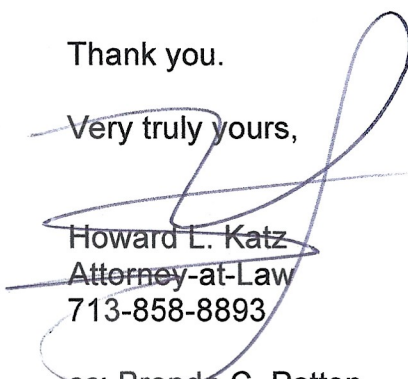
Sincerely  
Russell Stratman

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I trust this letter and the introductory correspondence from the applicants will assist with the appointment process. If you approve, I think you would have a very strong and dedicated ESD 10 board.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Brenda C. Patton