



North Hays County
Emergency Services District #1
P. O. Box 1604, Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

Minutes – September 21, 2021 Regular Meeting

A. CALL TO ORDER- 5:02

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION- None

C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the Special Board Meeting on August 17, 2021
2. Consider approval of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on August 17, 2021
3. Consider approval of the September 2021 Treasurer's Report
4. Consider acknowledgement of the District Calendar and Task List
5. Consider acknowledgement of the District Administrator's Status of Projects and Repairs Report
6. Consider acknowledgement of the Long-Range Resource Planning
7. Consider acknowledgement of Long-Range Financial Plan
8. Consider acknowledgement of the District Administrator's Personal Time Log
9. Consider acknowledgement of Commissioner Status of Training
10. Consider approval of FY2022 Holiday Calendar
11. Consider approval of the September 2021 mail log
12. Consider approval of September 2021 Disbursements
13. Consider acknowledgement of HdL Report

Motion by Commissioner Debish to approve the consent agenda holding #3 for report. 2nd by Commissioner Luddy. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Debish discussed several highlighted areas of the treasurer's report, consent item #3.

Motion by Commissioner Luddy to approve #3 (September 2021 Treasurer's Report) 2nd by Commissioner Nelson. Motion passed unanimously.

D. REPORTS

1. North Hays County Fire/Rescue (NHCFR)
Chief Collard discussed the increase in calls in August, largely due to the increase in Covid. He reported that the average response time was 13 ½ minutes. He also reported the need for more new recruits in the Fire Department.
2. San Marcos Hays County EMS (SMHC EMS)
Chief Smith discussed the shortage of medics in the EMS field. He reported they have several openings and have raised the average pay.
Chief Weinberg discussed the response data for August. He reported that August was the busiest month ever.
3. District Administrator - Facility, property, and equipment updates
DA Fowler reported that the new generator for Station 71 has been ordered with a 14 to 16 week lead time. Heritage Oaks Land deal is waiting on Elevation from the engineer. The New Medic unit is due in December.



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4. Emergency vehicle travel accommodation during future US290/TX71 interchange construction.
Nothing new to report

President Lane requested a short break. The break was taken, and the meeting resumed at 6:08pm

E. COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Committee Assignments
2. Community Outreach Committee (Dement & Luddy)

Nothing new to report

3. Website/Facebook Committee (Debish & Luddy)

Nothing new to report

4. Finance Committee (Dement & Debish)

This item was discussed under consent item #3.

5. Budget & Long-Range Planning Committee (Lane & Debish)

Nothing new to report

6. Future property acquisitions and stations (Nelson & Lane)

Moved to executive session

7. Hays County Dispatch Center Oversight Committee. (N/A)

This item is to be removed

8. Public Information Officer (Nelson)

DA Fowler reported one item was received, but the subject matter was under the fire department's purview.

F. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Legal update. Input from and legal questions for John Carlton

Nothing new to report

2. Items of interest from the 87th Texas Legislature Special Session (Debish)

Discussion on whether the redistricting would impact ESD 1 or not. It was decided to revisit this subject when redistricting was completed.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding construction financing bids

Motion by Commissioner Debish to use Extraco Bank for construction financing if needed. 2nd by Commissioner Nelson. Motion passed unanimously.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Oath of Office for new Commissioner(s)

New Commissioners Staci Dement and Cristina Nelson each took an Oath of Office and were sworn in as Commissioners of the North Hays County ESD 1 Board.



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2. Plaque presentation for former commissioner

A plaque of appreciation was presented to Dan O'Brien for his service and dedication to the North Hays County ESD 1 Board.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an Owner Advocate/Project Manager for EMS Station construction.

The Board reviewed and discussed the request for qualifications proposals. The proposals were ranked in following order – 1) AGCM, 2) Doucet & Associates, 3) Square One.

Motion by Commissioner Debish to authorize DA Fowler to negotiate with AGCM a contract for Project Manager for the new stations to be built by North Hays County EMS not to exceed \$150,000 for one station or \$250,000 for both stations. 2nd by Commissioner Nelson. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding repairs to the parking lot estimated at \$4,000.

DA Fowler reported that a 16-foot by 20-foot section of the parking lot was in need of replacement.

Motion by Commissioner Debish to approve repairs to the parking lot for \$4000.00. 2nd by Commissioner Dement. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action in regarding expenditure of donated funds.

The Board discussed ways to use donated funds for the morale and welfare of the San Marcos Hays County EMS employees working in North Hays County.

Motion by Commissioner Debish to authorize DA Fowler to provide a holiday meal for medics not to exceed \$1000.00. 2nd by Commissioner Luddy. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the joint purchase with ESD 6 of a 500-gallon fuel tank mounted on a trailer at a cost to the District not to exceed \$7,000.

DA Fowler reviewed the February Storm After Action Report. A workgroup composed of ESD 1 & 6, Hays County Emergency Management, the City of Dripping Springs, and Precinct 4 Constable's Office. This item was one of the last issues to be addressed by the workgroup.

Motion by Commissioner Debish to authorize DA Fowler to pursue a joint effort with ESD 6 to purchase a 500 -gallon fuel tank mounted on a trailer not to exceed \$7000.00. 2nd by Commissioner Dement. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action on CECC Executive Board Nomination.

After discussion, it was decided that the Board would support ESD 6 nominee Steve Janda for CECC Executive Board Nomination with 5 votes.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding property acquisition.

The Board moved to Executive Session at 5:55 pm.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:08 pm. No action was taken on items discussed in Executive Session.



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9. Due to the new commissioners being sworn in, and openings for officers on the board, a new Vice President, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary needed to be elected.

Motion by Commissioner Luddy to volunteer himself to serve as Vice President. 2nd by Commissioner Nelson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Debish to nominate Commissioner Dement for Assistant Treasurer. 2nd by Commissioner Nelson, Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Debish to nominate Commissioner Nelson for Secretary. 2nd by Commissioner Luddy. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 pm