



North Hays County Emergency Services District #1

P.O. Box 1604, Dripping Springs, TX. 78620



Minutes – October 19, 2021 Regular Meeting

A. CALL TO ORDER 5:00

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION- None

C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on September 21, 2021
2. Consider approval of the October 2021 Treasurer's Report
3. Consider approval of the Quarterly (Jul-Sep) Investment 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 District Administrator's Response Activity Report
7. Consider acknowledgement of the District Administrator's Personal Time Log
8. Consider acknowledgement of Commissioner Status of Training
9. Consider approval of the October 2021 mail log
10. Consider acknowledgement of October 2021 Disbursements
11. Consider acknowledgement of HdL Sales Tax Report
12. Consider acknowledgement of District Financial Policy (Annual Review Requirement)

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

Commissioner Debish discussed several highlighted areas from consent item #2, reporting a refund from the Workforce for \$274.89.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson to approve #2 (October Treasurer's Report). 2nd by Commissioner Debish. Motion passed unanimously.

D. REPORTS

1. North Hays County Fire/Rescue (NHCFR)
Assistant Chief Todd Colvin reported 296 calls in September. Fire Calls only made up 4% of calls. Average response time was around 9 minutes.
2. San Marcos Hays County EMS (SMHC EMS)
Chief Weinberg reported 221 calls with an average response time of 9:41. Number of calls is staying around 220 with an uptick in the North Hays Region. Chief Weinberg also reported that San Marcos EMS was ranked 19th out of 179 agencies in Customer Satisfaction. Chief Swisher reported that San Marcos cannot staff local football games due to emergency staffing status. He also expressed that there was a need to boost dispatch pay. There are 2 new Captains who will be reporting to Station 71 soon.



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3. District Administrator

DA Fowler reported that a back-up battery was installed in Station 71 for Alert purposes. The generator for Station 71 is still on back order. Also, we are waiting for contractor to give date for parking lot repairs. Finally, he reported a hand tool was acquired to help open overhead doors manually at Station 73.

4. Emergency vehicle travel accommodation during future US290/TX71 interchange construction.

The packet provided gives 5-year plan on progress.

E. COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Community Outreach Committee (Dement & Luddy)

Nothing new to report

2. Website/Facebook Committee (Debish & Luddy)

Need to do post on recruiting based on information provided by Chief Swisher. Commissioner Nelson reported we need to post info on Public Information Officer. Otherwise, DA Fowler reported we were 100% compliant on Website. Commissioner Debish requested we do FB push to get gate codes registered in our district.

3. Finance Committee (Debish & Dement)

Quarterly Report is ready for submission.

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

Nothing new to report

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

Commissioner Lane reported that he, DA Fowler and Chief Smith met with HOLA. It appears there is nothing to prohibit North Hays ESD1 from proceeding with Heritage Oaks Land acquisition. There are 2 months left in due diligence period.

6. Public Information Officer (Nelson)

Nothing new to report

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)

New Legislative District 73 will include portion of North Hays County.

G. NEW BUSINESS



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1. Discussion and possible action amending the FY2022 budget to reflect financing of new construction

The Board reviewed and discussed the need to increase construction loan limits

Motion by Commissioner Debish to increase borrowing amount of Construction Loan from 2.5 million to 7.5 million. 2nd by Commissioner Nelson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Debish to increase borrowing amount of line item 8180 from \$163,000 to \$228,200, and line item 8190 from \$0.00 to 260,800. 2nd by Commissioner Nelson. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning changing banks

The Board reviewed and discussed the different rates offered by local banks with DA Fowler reporting that Texas Heritage Bank offered the best rates with 0.25% for savings, 0.35% for checking, and 0.50% for money market accounts.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson to move business from Broadway Bank to Texas Heritage Bank. 2nd by Commissioner Dement. Motion passed unanimously

3. Discuss Heritage Oaks Landowners Association meeting with Architectural Control Committee

Discussed earlier under Committee updates #5.

4. Discuss the Construction Manager negotiation

Ryan Rosborough presented case as to why the Board should hire his firm as project managers for the construction of new stations at Heritage Oaks and N RR 12 and provided proposal

5. Review lease agreement for 14121 W Hwy 290

Board discussed and reviewed Lease agreement for 14121 W Hwy 290. Must make decision to renew by January 31, 2022. Discussion on keeping Station 71 for Unit 74 when new stations are built.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the replacement schedule for HVAC units for 111 EMS Drive

The Board discussed and reviewed the need to replace AC units at 111 EMS Dr and Station 71. DA Fowler reported that Strand Brothers has maintenance contract. There are 3 units.... a 1997 model and 2- 2009 models. It was decided to get quotes from other companies. No other action taken.

7. Discussion and possible action in regards to the appointment of a citizen representative to SMHC EMS Board of Directors

After discussion, the Board decided to revisit this issue at later date after seeking interested citizens willing to serve. No other action taken.

ADJOURNMENT 6:40