



North Hays County Emergency Services District #1

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



MINUTES – August 16, 2022, REGULAR MEETING

Approved September 20, 2022

Commissioners Present

President Dennis Lane
Vice President Bob Luddy
Treasurer Darrell Debish
Secretary Cristina Nelson
Assistant Treasurer Staci Dement

Others Present

Comptroller Pamela Reynolds, SMHC EMS
Accountant Kayla Cochran, SMHC EMS
Assistant Chief Matt Weinberg, SMHC EMS
Chief Jim Swisher, SMHC EMS
District Administrator Doug Fowler, North Hays EMS
Administrative Assistant Bodie Hudson North Hays EMS
Fire Chief Scott Collard, North Hays Fire/Rescue
Captain JT Payne, North Hays EMS

Commissioners Absent

None

A. CALL TO ORDER - 5:18 pm

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

C. AGENDA

1. Approve and accept the minutes for the Special Board Meeting on July 19, 2022
2. Approve and accept the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on July 19, 2022
3. Approve and accept the minutes for the Special Board Meeting on July 25, 2022
4. Approve and accept the August 2022 Treasurer’s Report
5. Consider acknowledgement of the District Calendar and Task List
6. Consider acknowledgement of the District Administrator’s Status of Projects and Repairs Report
7. Consider acknowledgement of the District Administrator’s Response Activity Report
8. Consider acknowledgement of the District Administrator’s Personal Time Log
9. Approve and accept the August 2022 mail log
10. Approve and accept August 2022 Disbursements
11. Approve and accept HdL Sales Tax Report

Motion by Commissioner Luddy to approve the consent agenda. Second by Commissioner Debish. Motion passed unanimously.

D. REPORTS

1. Ryan Rosborough with Construction Update

Ryan Rosborough reported (via Teleconference) that progress is being made on the Strawman Schedule. Hopefully the construction contract will get cleared through Legal within 10 days, which would lead to completion approximately around October of 2023. Efforts to bring down the current bid are being made.. Realistic goal is \$10,500,000.00 to \$10,800,000.00.



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2. North Hays County Fire/Rescue (NHCFR)

Chief Collard reported that primary focus of ESD 6 currently is wildfires. The conditions are still dangerous. The Burn Ban is still in place. The community has been very supportive providing food and drink for the First Responders.

3. San Marcos Hays County EMS

Chief Swisher reported that the budget is in a holding pattern waiting for data from the contracting ESD's. EMS has been supporting Fire during the wildfires. The community, and especially HEB, has been very supportive in supplying the resources to care for Fire/Rescue. Covid is expected to spike as school begins. The American Rescue Fund has furnished funds for 2 new units. And finally, the whole County is on one CAD system.

Assistant Chief Weinberg reported that there were 212 total calls for the month with 122 total transports. Median response time was 10:37. There were 20 Level 0 hours. There is a need to increase dispatch pay and retain them

Comptroller Reynolds added Revenue takes 3 months to come in. Many items have increased due to inflation such as postage and medical supplies. Diesel prices remain high. Fortunately, SMHC EMS has stocked up on tires and parts to ensure a quick turn-around to keep our units on the road.

4. District Administrator

Facility Maintenance

- *The generator is back in service*
- *The well at Firehouse Condominiums where Medic 73 is located has been out of service for weeks. They have water delivered several times a week and have asked everyone to cut use by 40% until the well is back in service. The problem is they are waiting on a new pump.*
- *Remotes at Station 71 quit working yesterday. Reprogrammed and working today.*

Community Activity

- *July 22 – Dripping Springs Neighbors on Facebook – Carrie Napoirkowski started a thread that had a lengthy discussion about North Hays EMS finances. Did not see any negative comments towards North Hays EMS. Only a couple of comments about where the money goes.*
- *Working on a meeting with Touchstone and Commissioner Smith, originally scheduled for September 5 (Labor Day) but looking for an alternative date.*
- *Groundbreaking Ceremony went off as planned. Attended by approximately 50. Pictures sent to DS Century News for the next edition.*
- *Ramping up training classes for the public – CPR and Stop the Bleed. Beginning to get calls of interest for the training. Planning on classes once a month or so, the first Wednesday of the month. Scheduling for 6 months to start to monitor interest and attendance.*



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

Weekly report is in Board Packet

E. COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Community Outreach Committee (Dement & Luddy)

Pictures of the Groundbreaking have been posted in DS Century News and on Facebook. CPR and Stop the Bleed classes will start soon and be free to the public.

2. Website/Facebook Committee (Debish & Luddy)

Nothing new to report

3. Finance Committee (Debish & Dement)

The Quarterly Investment Report has been signed and submitted by Commissioner Dement.

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

Nothing new to report

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

Nothing new to report

6. Public Information Officer (Nelson)

Nothing new to report

F. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

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

DA Fowler reported that the legal documents for the Special Meeting were completed. The Construction Contract with Flynn Construction is still pending.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and consider action on construction contract with Flynn Construction for EMS Stations 72 and 73, and District Offices not to exceed \$10,800,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Luddy to include in construction contract with Flynn Construction that construction costs for Stations 72,73, and District Offices not to exceed \$10,800,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

2. DA Fowler reported that a donation of \$500.00 was made to ESD 1 to buy nourishment and drinks for the medics.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:32 pm