



# North Hays County Emergency Services District #1

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



**MINUTES OF March 21, 2023 REGULAR MEETING**

Approved 4/18/23

**Commissioners Present**

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

**Others Present**

Comptroller Pamela Reynolds, SMHC EMS  
District Administrator Doug Fowler, North Hays EMS  
Administrative Assistant Bodie Hudson, North Hays EMS  
Accountant Kayla Cochran, SMHC EMS  
JT Payne, Captain SMHC EMS

**Commissioners Present via Teleconference**

None

**Commissioners Absent**

Treasurer Darrell Debish

**A. CALL TO ORDER 5:02 pm**

**B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION - None**

**C. CONSENT AGENDA**

*All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Commissioners and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Commissioner, in which event, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.*

1. Approve and accept the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on February 21, 2023
2. Approve and accept the March 2023 Treasurer’s Report
3. Consider acknowledgement of the District Calendar and Task List
4. Consider acknowledgement of the District Administrator’s Response Activity Report
5. Consider acknowledgement of the District Administrator’s Personal Time Log
6. Approve and accept the March 2023 mail log
7. Approve and accept March 2023 Disbursements
8. Approve and accept HdL Sales Tax Report

**Motion by Commissioner Nelson to approve Consent Agenda as written. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Luddy. Motion passed unanimously.**

**D. REPORTS**

- a. Ryan Rosborough with Construction Update  
*DA Fowler reported for Ryan that the Fire Marshall has still not yet given clearance to begin construction. The City of DS should grant final approval very soon.*
- b. North Hays County Fire/Rescue (NHCFR)  
*No Report for March Meeting*



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c. San Marcos Hays County EMS (SMHC EMS)

*Comptroller Pamela Reynolds reported that the 3 Hortons have been sold for a reasonable price. Still waiting on the Chassis in Castroville that are being repaired due to recall notices. She reported that the audit is still on-going. There are 4 paramedics starting the academy 4/7. SMHC EMS is fully staffed. A new Tahoe has been purchased for Battalion 7. And finally, she reported that the ESD 1 financials are in good shape.*

d. District Administrator

### **Tax Cap Election Update**

- 15 People attended the Open House
- Working on Schedule for additional presentations. Contemplating a daily time such as 10:00 am and 2:00 pm daily during the week.
- Monitoring social media. Only one comment out of over 30 that was pushing back on our data. Carrie Napiorkowski responded back with accurate data and he has not since responded. Continuing efforts to monitor and respond appropriately.

### **Construction Update**

- While we saw movement in the permitting process, we are still waiting on final approval from the City. The City sent a letter stating a final decision would be made on or before April 4, 2023. The Fire Marshal stated as of Friday we were 14<sup>th</sup> in line. Everything by RVK and their permit expediting team is complete. We just need final approvals.

### **Facilities**

- Cameras purchased for installation on both construction sites. Need to install posts for mounting.

### **New Ambulances & Vehicle Maintenance**

- Moving units first week of April.
- Color scheme will remain the same on the sides and front. The rear will be changed to create more reflectivity. It is unclear if the rear color will change much, but the reflective material will be upgraded to much higher quality material. The cost is expected to increase but expected to be well within cost authorization. It was discussed that the upgraded material should be used down the side bottoms for better visibility.

### **Commissioner Training**

- CY2023 Cybersecurity – Needs to be completed by August
  - Pending completion – Commissioners Lane and Luddy



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## E. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Community Outreach Committee (Dement & Luddy)  
*Nothing New to Report*
- b. Website/Facebook Committee (Debish & Luddy)  
*Monitoring chatter and posts on FB and Next Door. Making the appropriate responses.*
- c. Finance Committee (Debish & Dement)  
*Nothing new to report*
- d. Budget & Long-Range Planning Committee (Lane & Debish)  
*Commissioners Debish and Lane continue to update the long-range plan.*
- e. Future property acquisitions and stations (Nelson & Lane)  
*Nothing new to report.*
- f. Public Information Officer (Nelson)  
*Nothing new to report.*

## F. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Legal update. Input from and legal questions for John Carlton  
*All documents concerning the election are in order. The Call for Election needs to be posted in the DS Century News after April 6. We need to check with Legal to see if we can put contact information on the post.*

## G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the shared cost of EMS overtime staff for Founder's Day 2023. The total cost is estimated at \$9,500.00. The shared cost to the District is \$4,750.00  
*After discussion, the following action was taken.*  
**Commissioner Luddy moved to approve sharing the cost of EMS overtime for Founder's Day 2023 with the City of Dripping Springs for the sum of \$4,750.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Dement. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of Westnet Alerting equipment for Station 71 in an amount not to exceed \$24,600.00.  
*After discussion, the following action was taken.*  
**Commissioner Luddy moved to purchase equipment to complete the Westnet Alerting system in Station 71 not to exceed \$24,600.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Dement. Motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT 5:52 pm.