



North Hays County Emergency Services District #1

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



MINUTES OF April 18, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

Approved May 16, 2023

Commissioners Present

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

Others Present

Comptroller Pamela Reynolds, SMHC EMS
Accountant Kayla Cochran, SMHC EMS
District Administrator Doug Fowler, North Hays EMS
Administrative Assistant Bodie Hudson, North Hays EMS
Assistant Chief Matt Weinberg, SMHC EMS
Fire Chief Scott Collard, North Hays ESD 6
Project Manager Ryan Rosborough, AG/CM
Assistant Chief Jim Swisher, SMHC EMS
Chief David Smith, SMHC EMS

Commissioners Present via Teleconference

None

Commissioners Absent

None

A. CALL TO ORDER 5:01 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 March 21, 2023
2. Approve and accept the April 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 April 2023 mail log
7. Approve and accept April 2023 Disbursements
8. Approve and accept HdL Sales Tax Report

Motion by Commissioner Dement to approve Consent Agenda minus C.2. 2nd by Commissioner Luddy.

Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, the board decided that they wanted acknowledgement that the PEC line would be a designated line not included in roll outs.

After discussion the following action was taken.

Motion by Commissioner Debish to approve C.2 with acknowledgements. 2nd by Commissioner Nelson.

Motion passed unanimously.



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D. REPORTS

- a. Ryan Rosborough with Construction Update
Ryan presented to the board the preliminary schedule. He stated that he is not satisfied with the schedule and needed to make some changes. He will present the final Master Schedule at the next board meeting. Construction is still within budget at this point. Station 73 is estimated to be complete for move in May of '24 and Station 72 should be ready for move in June of '24.

- b. North Hays County Fire/Rescue (NHCFR)
Chief Collard reported that there were 314 total calls in March. 190 of those calls were EMS and Rescue. Busiest day was Thursday and busiest time was 5:00 pm. Full report included in Pre meeting packet.

- c. San Marcos Hays County EMS (SMHC EMS)
Chief Smith reported that they have five new starts for the academy. SMHC EMS will start hiring again in a month. Chief Swisher reported that they are preparing staff for Founders Day.
Matt Weinberg reported that there were 222 total calls in March. Response time overall was 9:08 which was lower than two previous months. All Trucks are full time at this point. Matt gave a presentation of the new software, First Watch, which shows stats in real time.

- d. District Administrator

Tax Cap Election Update

- League of Women Voters requested map of response area – Michael was able to provide in the format they requested – March 22, 2023
- KXAN Story ran on March 28, 2023
- KUT interview ran April 10, 2023
- Presented to Leadership Dripping Springs (Chamber of Commerce training) April 11, 2023
- Presented to Dripping Springs Democrats on April 16, 2023
- Making daily posts to Facebook and Next Door
- Feedback continues to be positive

Construction Update

- Both lots have been cleared.
- The City of DS requires landscaping however the RR 12 site cannot get a permit for irrigation due to stage 4 water restrictions. They normally would not allow a well permit but they recognize this is a public safety facility and they will allow it. Moving to as much xeriscape as possible.
- Next steps on the calendar
 - Site and place office trailer
 - Setup temporary water and power
 - Grading and excavating

Facilities

- Camera access emailed on April 12, 2023



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New Ambulances & Vehicle Maintenance

- Both units are now at Frazer
- Color scheme – The gold color in the higher reflective wrap is good. However, we are not sure if the color offering is truly burgundy. Online the color appears to be red. On Site Decals is researching.

Commissioner Training

CY2023 Cybersecurity – Needs to be completed by August

- Completed and reported to the Texas Department of Information Resources

Founders Day

- Supplies have been ordered. Some have already trickled in.
- Need Commissioners for the parade on Friday, April 28, at 5:30 (1 hour before start of parade)
- ESD 1 canopy is physically separated from where the ambulance will be. ESD 1 will be in front of Garnett Propane on Mercer. Fire and EMS will be on Bluff close to Hwy 290.
- We need to staff our tent, but we will need help passing out water and cold towels on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

E. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Community Outreach Committee (Dement & Luddy)
Preparations have been made for EMS booth at Founders Day.
- b. Website/Facebook Committee (Debish & Luddy)
We will post about Early Voting on FB and Next Door.
- c. Finance Committee (Debish & Dement)
Nothing new to report
- d. Budget & Long-Range Planning Committee (Lane & Debish)
Nothing new to report
- 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



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All items on Election Cap Calendar have been accomplished.



G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action on the purchase of two dining and one conference table for new facilities.

After discussion, the board decided to do more research on the table options and revisit this item at the May Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT 6:03 pm.