



# North Hays County Emergency Services District #1

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



## MINUTES OF February 21, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

Approved March 21, 2023

### 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  
Chief David Smith, SMHC EMS  
Assistant Chief Matt Weinberg, SMHC EMS  
Accountant Kayla Cochran, SMHC EMS  
Ryan Rosborough, Project Manager AG/CM  
District Administrator Doug Fowler, North Hays EMS  
Administrative Assistant Bodie Hudson, North Hays EMS  
JT Payne, Captain SMHC EMS  
Assistant Chief Jim Swisher, SMHC EMS

### Commissioners Present via Teleconference

None

### Commissioners Absent

None

### **A. CALL TO ORDER 5:00 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 January 17, 2023
2. Approve and accept the minutes for the Special Board Meeting on January 31, 2023
3. Approve and accept the February 2023 Treasurer's Report
4. Consider acknowledgement of the District Calendar and Task List
5. Consider acknowledgement of the District Administrator's Response Activity Report
6. Consider acknowledgement of the District Administrator's Personal Time Log
7. Approve and accept the February 2023 mail log
8. Approve and accept February 2023 Disbursements
9. Approve and accept HdL Sales Tax Report
10. Approve and accept the FY 2022 Audit Report
11. Approve and accept the Texas Comptroller Special Purpose District Financial and Tax Report

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

### **D. REPORTS**

- a. Ryan Rosborough with Construction Update

*Ryan Rosborough reported that construction on new stations is being held up by one permit, the county septic permit. The new septic system is overdesigned and it is hoped that the new local contractor can save money by building more reasonable septic system. He reported an increase in costs for permeable pavers.*



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*He hopes to begin construction as soon as last permit is issued and hoping for a January/February 2024 completion.*

b. North Hays County Fire/Rescue (NHCFR)

*No Report for February Meeting*

c. San Marcos Hays County EMS (SMHC EMS)

Chief Smith reported that the audit is almost completed. They have no North Hays County EMS Financials due to incomplete audit. The start date for the next academy is April 10<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that the results from the survey were in. NHCEMS is ranked 42<sup>nd</sup> out of 241 districts. Lowest score was based on comfort of ride.

Matt Weinberg reported that there were 244 total calls. We are averaging 110-115 transports a month. Matt reported that NHC EMS had an average overall response time of 9:10. Also, Medic 75 should be back in March.

d. District Administrator

### Facility Maintenance

- Nothing new to report

### New Ambulance & Vehicle Maintenance

- New units delivered to Nyle Maxwell Castroville. Units will be stored until moved to Frazer in April.

### Safe-D 2-4 February 23

- All training hours submitted to Safe-D for credit.

### Commissioner Training

- Safe D Hours complete
- CY2023 Cybersecurity-Needs to be completed by August
  - Pending completion- Commissioners Lane, Luddy, and Nelson

### Kitchen Table

- Three bids received for 2 tables
  - \$7,576.59 – Dream Seat
  - \$8,269.98 – Fire Station Furniture
  - \$10,000.00 – Wall Shield Designs
- Seeking more bids

### Grants

- Identifying Grant Organizations for Fitness Equipment
  - PEC – April Submission deadline – for nonprofits (5013c)
  - HEB – Non profits
  - Firehouse Subs – April submission deadline (possibly Lucas or Monitor)
  - LCRA – Jan & Jul Submission deadlines



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## **Third Tuesday on the Capitol with SAFE-D**

- Visited with staff in seven offices today, including Senator Campbell's and Representative Zweiner's Operations Directors. So far the number of bills to oppose is 4
  - SB978 – Bettencourt regarding elimination of the de minimis rate
  - HB2221 Harrison – Eliminate special taxing Unit calculation
  - HB1775/SB659 – Thompson/Eckhardt – re: annexation approval by City
  - HB1776/SB660 - Thompson/Eckhardt – election of Board for ESDs
- Bills to support:
  - SB334 – Schwertner – Community paramedicine
  - HB1204 – Martinez - Disannexation
  - HB1205 – Martinez – Reduces County Fire Marshal authority to enforce code when an ESD has adopted another code or is already enforcing the same code.
  - HB1246/SB369 – Craddic/Campbell – Disannexation if not receiving full services

e. Emergency vehicle travel accommodation during future US290/TX71 interchange construct  
*Weekly report included in pre-meeting packet.*

## **E. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

a. Community Outreach Committee (Dement & Luddy)

*Nothing New to Report*

b. Website/Facebook Committee (Debish & Luddy)

*Website has been updated with ADA tool.*

c. Finance Committee (Debish & Dement)

*The audit was completed with no deficiencies or flaws.*

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

*Nothing new to report. Waiting for SMHC EMS audit to be done to work on 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

*Nothing new to report.*

**ADJOURNMENT 6:04 pm.**