



**North Hays County
Emergency Services District #1
P. O. Box 1604, Dripping Springs, Texas 78620**

Minutes – May 18, 2021 Regular Meeting

Approved 6-16-2021

Commissioners Present

Vice President Dan O'Brien
Treasurer Dennis Lane
Assistant Treasurer Darrell Debish

Others Present

Doug Fowler, NHCESD#1

Commissioners Present via Teleconference

Secretary Bob Luddy

Commissioners Absent

None

Others Present via Teleconference

Scott Collard, NHCESD#6
David Smith, SMHC EMS
Matt Weinberg, SMHC EMS

A. CALL TO ORDER – *The meeting was called to order by Commissioner O'Brien at 5:12 pm. Commissioner O'Brien recognized there was a quorum of four board members, and that Commissioner Tahuahua had resigned from the board the day before due to his election to the City of Dripping Springs City Council.*

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION - *None*

C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the minutes for Regular Board Meeting on April 20, 2021
2. Consider approval of the May 2021 Treasurer's Report
3. Consider approval of May 2021 Disbursements
4. Consider acknowledgement of HdL 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. Consider approval of the April 2021 mail log
10. Consider acknowledgement of Commissioner Status of Training

Commissioner Lane requested that Consent Agenda Items #2 be pulled for discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Lane to approve consent agenda items 1, and 3 through 10. Second by Commissioner Debish.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner O'Brien - Yea
 Commissioner Luddy – Yea
 Commissioner Lane – Yea
 Commissioner Debish – Yea **Motion passed unanimously**

Commissioner Lane reviewed several items from the Treasurers report.

Motion by Commissioner Debish to approve consent agenda items #2. Second by Commissioner Lane.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner O'Brien - Yea
 Commissioner Luddy – Yea
 Commissioner Lane – Yea
 Commissioner Debish – Yea **Motion passed unanimously**



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D. REPORTS

1. North Hays County Fire/Rescue (NHCFR)

- a. Status of shared facilities at new Sawyer Ranch Rd station

Chief Collard reviewed April response data as well as the status of the new station opening. June 26 is the scheduled grand opening of the station. The contractor has run into additional delays and has requested a two-week delay in the final walk-through. The projected occupancy date is on or before July 1, 2021.

2. San Marcos Hays County EMS (SMHC EMS)

Chief Smith reviewed the financials for the district. Chief Weinberg reviewed April response data.

3. District Administrator

- a. Sewer connection project update

DA Fowler reported the sewer connection had been made and the remaining task was to fill the septic tank with concrete. That task could not be completed until the rain stopped and there was a bit of a dry period to allow the concrete truck to reach the work area without getting stuck due to soft ground. Additionally, the porto-pottys must be removed and some tree trimming must be accomplished to make room for the cement truck.

- b. Update on new property acquisition, site plan, and elevations

DA Fowler reviewed the newest floorplan update, pointing out a more compact design in order to reduce the elevation change from 12' to 5' (NE corner to SW corner of building).

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

Nothing new to report.

E. COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Community Outreach Committee (Tahuahua & Luddy)

Nothing new to report.

2. Website/Facebook Committee (Tahuahua & O'Brien)

Nothing new to report.

3. Finance Committee (Lane & Debish)

Nothing new to report.

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

Nothing new to report.

5. Future property acquisitions and stations (O'Brien & Lane)

Nothing new to report.

6. Hays County Dispatch Center Oversight Committee. (Tahuahua)

Nothing new to report.

7. Public Information Officer (O'Brien)

Nothing new to report



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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 (Debish)
Commissioner Debish reported on bills of interest to the ESD and remaining deadlines to pass bills.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers

Board position of President

Motion by Commissioner Luddy nominating Commissioner O'Brien as President. Second by Commissioner Lane.

**Roll Call Vote: Commissioner O'Brien - Yea
Commissioner Luddy – Yea
Commissioner Lane – Yea
Commissioner Debish – Yea Motion passed unanimously**

Board position of Vice President

Commissioner Lane nominates himself. Without any other nominations Commissioner Lane is elected by acclamation.

Board position of Treasurer

Motion by Commissioner O'Brien nominating Commissioner Debish as Treasurer. Second by Commissioner Lane

**Roll Call Vote: Commissioner O'Brien - Yea
Commissioner Luddy – Yea
Commissioner Lane – Yea
Commissioner Debish – Yea Motion passed unanimously**

2. Discussion and possible action regarding appointments to boards, including San Marcos Hays County EMS.

Motion by Commissioner Lane nominating Commissioner O'Brien to represent District on SMHC EMS Board of Directors. Second by Commissioner Debish.

**Roll Call Vote: Commissioner O'Brien - Yea
Commissioner Luddy – Yea
Commissioner Lane – Yea
Commissioner Debish – Yea Motion passed unanimously**

3. Discussion and possible action on signature authority for District financial accounts.

Motion by Commissioner O'Brien to authorize the District Administrator to contact District financial institutions (Broadway Bank, and TexPool) and update the signature authority for all. Second by Commissioner Lane.

**Roll Call Vote: Commissioner O'Brien - Yea
Commissioner Luddy – Yea
Commissioner Lane – Yea
Commissioner Debish – Yea Motion passed unanimously**



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4. Discussion and possible action on the Special Meeting Schedule for budget, planning, and tax rate.

No action necessary.

5. Discussion and possible action for a new ambulance color scheme for the next ambulance purchased.

DA Fowler reviewed the latest color scheme versions 3A and 3B.

Motion by Commissioner Luddy to select burgandy and gold Color Concept No.3, Layout Choice A. Second by Commissioner Debish.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner O'Brien - Yea

Commissioner Luddy – Yea

Commissioner Lane – Yea

Commissioner Debish – Yea

Motion passed unanimously

6. Discussion and possible action regarding a contract for professional real estate services.

No action necessary.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the acquisition of property for an east EMS station.

No action required.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:10