



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

Minutes – January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting

Approved February 22, 2021

Commissioners Present

President Geoffrey Tahuahua
 Secretary Bob Luddy
 Treasurer Dennis Lane
 Assistant Treasurer Darrell Debish

Others Present

Doug Fowler, NHCESD#1
 Bodie Hudson, NHCESD#1

Commissioners Present via Teleconference

None

Commissioners Absent

Vice President Dan O’Brien

Others Present via Teleconference

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

A. CALL TO ORDER – 5:01 pm

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION - None

C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the minutes for Regular Board Meeting on December 15, 2020
2. Consider approval of the January 2021 Treasurer’s Report
3. Consider approval of the Quarterly (Oct-Dec 2020) Investment Report
4. Consider approval of January Disbursements
5. Consider acknowledgement of HdL Report
6. Consider acknowledgement of the District Calendar and Task List
7. Consider acknowledgement of the District Administrator’s Status of Projects and Repairs Report
8. Consider acknowledgement of the District Administrator’s Response Activity Report
9. Consider acknowledgement of the District Administrator’s Personal Time Log
10. Consider approval of the mail log
11. Consider acknowledgement of Board Member Training Status
12. Consider approval of SOG 2-2 Disposal of Property

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

Motion by Commissioner Debish to approve consent agenda items 1, and 3 through 12. Second by Commissioner Luddy.

**Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tahuahua – Yea
 Commissioner Luddy – Yea
 Commissioner Lane – Yea
 Commissioner Debish – Yea**

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Lane reviewed several items from the Treasurers report.



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Motion by Commissioner Lane to approve consent agenda item 2. Second by Commissioner Luddy.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tahuahua – Yea

Commissioner Luddy – Yea

Commissioner Lane – Yea

Commissioner Debish – Yea

Motion passed unanimously

D. REPORTS

1. North Hays County Fire/Rescue (NHCFR)

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

Chief Collard reported on call volume and status of the easement agreements for the sewer connection project.

2. San Marcos Hays County EMS (SMHC EMS)

Matt Weinberg reviewed response data, training conducted at dispatch to reduce errors, response activity maps, demand consumption chart, and patient satisfaction survey.

Chief Smith reported on COVID-19 vaccine distribution planning, PPE, and staff readiness.

Jolind Tays was unavailable for the meeting but submitted financial reports for the month of December.

3. District Administrator (DA)

- a. Sewer connection project for 111 EMS Drive

DA Fowler reported a wastewater easement agreement was with the lawyers for review. President Tahuahua requested that any and all tasks required by the District be completed or prepared for completion to ensure the project is completed in as short a timeline as possible. DA Fowler reported that from a previous planning meeting with the City of Dripping Springs Building Official, all the steps were documented and the District was on schedule with the easement agreements and coordinating with Accent Plumbing to start work as soon as the City approved the easement agreements.

- b. Update on property search

DA Fowler reported that information would be shared in executive session.

- c. Annual Financial Review

DA Fowler reported it had been a month since any document had been requested. The auditor had stated they were in final review of the draft report. A timeline for delivery was not given by the auditor.

- d. Publish Notice of District Administrative office address

DA Fowler reported that this annual task had been accomplished and was published in the Dripping Springs Century News on January 7, 2021.

- e. SAFE-D Training Available online

DA Fowler reported that three new courses for on-demand training was available through SAFE-D. There are now four courses that can be accessed online for Commissioner Training hours.

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

Nothing new to report.



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E. COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Community Outreach Committee (Tahuahua & Luddy)

Nothing to report.

2. Website/Facebook Committee (Tahuahua & Lane)

Nothing to report.

3. Finance Committee (O'Brien, Lane)

Nothing to report.

4. Budget & Long-Range Planning Committee (O'Brien, Lane)

Commissioner Lane requested this discussion occur in Executive Session.

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

Commissioner Lane requested this discussion occur in Executive Session.

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

Nothing new to report.

7. Public Information Officer (Lane)

- a. Request for service verification from soon to be Bunker Ranch resident

DA Fowler reported that occasional requests are made regarding the distance between residential areas and the closest EMS station as well as distances from specific addresses to the closest hospitals. The last request was from a new resident to the Bunker Ranch subdivision.

F. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

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

Nothing to report.

2. Items of interest from the 87th Texas Legislature (Debish)

Commissioner Debish reported he was monitoring reports of interest to the District from the 87th Texas Legislature. House Bill 553 was included in the premeeting packet. House Bill 553 proposes changes to emergency service district budget approval process.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the sale, lease, or purchase of real property

2. Discuss and consider the District Administrator's performance evaluation

3. Approve and accept statements and oaths of office for reappointed Commissioners (Carlton)

Commissioner Lane and Luddy completed their Oaths of Office and Statements of Office for reappointment as Commissioners to North Hays County ESD#1 for the period January 2021 through December 31, 2022.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 - consultation with legal counsel; 551.072 - discussion of real estate acquisition, and 551.074 - discussion of personnel matters, the Board retired to executive session at 5:57 pm.



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The Board returned to the regular session at 7:15 pm. The following motion was made regarding discussion from Executive Session:

Motion by Commissioner Debish to move forward with Stanberry Real Estate Agent Stephanie Pope's contract to purchase real property, with all change recommendations from the Carlton Law Firm. President Tahuahua is authorized to negotiate on behalf of the District for the purchase of land. If the offer for land purchase is accepted, DA Fowler is authorized to contract with the Alderson Group for engineering services to develop the acquired land. Second by Commissioner Lane.

**Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tahuahua – Yea
Commissioner Luddy – Yea
Commissioner Lane – Yea
Commissioner Debish – Yea**

Motion passed unanimously

ADJOURNMENT – 7:15 pm.