



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

Minutes – February 22, 2021 Regular Meeting

Approved March 16, 2021

Commissioners Present

President Geoffrey Tahuahua
Vice President Dan O'Brien
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

None

Others Present via Teleconference

Scott Collard, NHCESD#6
David Smith, SMHC EMS
Jolind Tays, 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 January 19, 2021
2. Consider approval of the February 2021 Treasurer's Report
3. Consider approval of February 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 mail log
10. Consider acknowledgement of Board Member Training Status

Commissioner Lane requested that Consent Agenda Item #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 Tahuahua – Yea
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.



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Motion by Commissioner O'Brien to approve consent agenda item 2. Second by Commissioner Lane.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tahuahua – Yea
Commissioner O'Brien - 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 challenges from the winter storm event.
2. San Marcos Hays County EMS (SMHC EMS)
Chief Smith reported on the weather event, vehicle issues, and the dispatch center closings during the weather event. He also discussed the latest COVID vaccination process and location.
Jolind Tays reviewed the financial information for January and year-to-date.
3. District Administrator (DA)
 - a. Sewer connection project for 111 EMS Drive
DA Fowler reported the wastewater easement agreement was going back and forth between the lawyers. The Board emphasized the need to get this portion of the project pushed along.
 - b. Update on new property
This item was moved to executive session.
 - c. Annual Financial Review
DA Fowler reported the audit was complete and copies had been submitted to our accountant and to Hays County Commissioner Walt Smith's office.
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 & Lane)
Nothing new to report.
3. Finance Committee (O'Brien, Lane)
Nothing new to report.
4. Budget & Long-Range Planning Committee (O'Brien, Lane)
Nothing to report



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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 (Lane)
Nothing new to report

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 O'Brien discussed House Bill 553 and how it could change the budget process if passed.
Commissioner Debish reviewed information received in the last SAFE-D legislative update.*

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of \$400 to Mr. Vernon Hampton for the purchase of firewood for the Dripping Springs Warming Center established by the Emergency Management Coordinator of Dripping Springs on February 15, 2021.
Commissioner Tahuahua discussed the need to help provide firewood to the Dripping Springs designated warming center during the winter weather event.

Motion by Commissioner Tahuahua to approve purchase of firewood for \$400.00. Second by Commissioner O'Brien.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tahuahua – Yea
Commissioner O'Brien - Yea
Commissioner Luddy – Yea
Commissioner Lane – Yea
Commissioner Debish – Yea

Motion passed unanimously

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

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 5:50 pm.

The Board returned to the regular session at 7:06 pm. No action by the Board was necessary.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:17 pm.