



North Hays County Emergency Services District #1

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



Minutes – November 16, 2021 Regular Meeting

Approved December 14, 2021

Commissioners Present

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

Others Present

Doug Fowler, NHCESD#1
Chief Scott Collard, NHC ESD #6
Chief David Smith, SMHC EMS
Assistant Chief Jim Swisher, SMHC EMS
Donna Hurta, SMHC EMS

Commissioners Absent

None

A. CALL TO ORDER 5:02 pm

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on October 19, 2021
2. Consider approval of the November 2021 Treasurer's Report
3. Consider acknowledgement of the District Calendar and Task List
4. Consider acknowledgement of the District Administrator's Status of Projects and Repairs Report
5. Consider acknowledgement of the District Administrator's Response Activity Report
6. Consider acknowledgement of the District Administrator's Personal Time Log
7. Consider acknowledgement of Commissioner Status of Training
8. Consider approval of the November 2021 mail log
9. Consider acknowledgement of November 2021 Disbursements
10. Consider acknowledgement of HdL Sale Tax Report

Motion by Commissioner Debish to approve the consent agenda holding #2 for report. 2nd by Commissioner Luddy. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lane had questions about #2 which were answered in discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Debish to approve #2 (November Treasurer's Report). 2nd by Commissioner Luddy. Motion passed unanimously.

D. REPORTS

1. North Hays County Fire/Rescue (NHCFR)

Chief Collard announced the appointment of Ken Eshelman to the North Hays County ESD #6 Board. He also reported the fuel trailer purchased by North Hays Fire/Rescue and North Hays EMS has been delivered and placed in service. Other topics of interest in his report: Burn Ban is still off at time of report. Call volume is down. Busiest Day for calls was Friday and busiest time was 10:00 AM. Response time was just under 9 mins. He announced that they had received a grant to hire 12 Firefighters and were looking for applicants.



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2. San Marcos Hays County EMS (SMHC EMS)

Chief Swisher reported that there was a slight spike in Covid cases and hospitalizations county wide.

Chief Smith added that Josh Rudolph was now working on Community Outreach. Jill Rosales and JT Payne were promoted to Captain and assigned to ESD 1. SMHC EMS is looking for applicants in ESD 1 to serve as a Citizen Representative on the SMHC EMS Board.

Chief Weinberg reported that call volume and transports were down slightly in October.

3. District Administrator

a. Facilities/Construction update

DA Fowler reported: The new Ambulance unit is under construction and will hopefully be completed in January. The new generator delivery date is scheduled for January as well. North Hays EMS is still currently working on construction financing for new stations. The RFQ's for Architectural and Engineering Services AND Geotechnical and Material Testing Services have been posted in the Wimberley View and Century News. The shed on the Knox Property is up for auction.

b. Cybersecurity Training

DA Fowler reported that the Cybersecurity Training should be completed by May 2022. The 3 options for training were included in the meeting packet.

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

Nothing new to report.

E. COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Community Outreach Committee (Dement & Luddy)

Nothing new to report.

2. Website/Facebook Committee (Debish & Luddy)

The Nextdoor App was set up to reach HOA's.

A push to register gate codes was posted on Facebook.

3. Finance Committee (Debish & Dement)

Working with DA Fowler to find replacement bank for Broadway.

Motion by Commissioner Luddy to reconsider motion (#80 for FY22) changing banks to Texas Heritage Bank but instead use Prosperity Bank. 2nd by Commissioner Nelson. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Nothing new to report

5. Future property acquisitions and stations (Nelson & Lane)



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Nothing new to report

6. Public Information Officer (Nelson)

DA Fowler received one request for information through the web site that was not actionable due to lack of contact information.

F. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

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

Closing on Heritage Oaks Land to be held on November 17, 2021.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and Consider Commissioners' terms expiring at year end

Commissioner Lane will look into the term limits of Commissioners.

2. Discussion and possible action to purchase three new HVAC units for 111 EMS Drive. The cost is not to exceed \$30,000.00.

After comparing and discussing the 3 quotes from Lone Star Comfort Solutions, Strand Brothers and Radiant, the following action was taken:

Motion made by Commissioner Debish to purchase three new HVAC units for 111 EMS Drive from Lone Star Comfort Solutions for a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00. 2nd by Commissioner Dement. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of a North Hays County citizen representative to SMHC EMS Board of Directors

Discussion on possible citizen representatives for the SMHC EMS Board. It was decided that Commissioner Lane would talk to Geoffrey Tahuahua and Commissioner Luddy would talk to a friend to as possibilities. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT 6:38