

## **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14**

### **February 23, 2026 Minutes**

The February meeting of H.C.E.S.D. #14 was called to order at 12:00 PM on February 23, 2026, by President Jim Strouhal. Members present were Jim Strouhal, Johnny Gaeke, Mark Taylor, Elaine Marshall and Jerry Ickes. A quorum was determined to be present. Attorney John Peeler was also present.

#### **Public Comment:**

No Public Present

The minutes of the January 2026 Meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Mark Taylor and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnny Gaeke. Motion approved.

#### **Correspondence received:**

- Electronic Report of present and past correction rolls from H.C. Tax-Assessor Collector
- Woodforest National Bank account statement dated December 31, 2025
- Woodforest National Bank Pledge Report January 31, 2026
- Texas Controller of Public Accounts Special Purpose District Sales and Use Tax Allocation Summary ending 2/13/26: \$153,208.23
- Received two (2) 10-99 int forms from Woodforest National Bank.
- Harris Central Appraisal District 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter assessment in the amount of \$2,956.00. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Marshall to pay. Motion approved.
- Invoice from WC&ID #1 for property taxes due on South Main property in the amount of \$1,875.07. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine to pay. Motion approved
- Invoice from G.C.C.I.S.D. for property taxes due on South Main property in the amount of \$7,603.45. Motion by Mark Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnny Gaek to pay. Motion approved.
- Invoice from Harris County for property taxes due on South Main property in the amount of \$2,956.00. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Marshall to pay. Motion approved.
- Received preliminary annual audit from McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot Ellis PLLC. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Taylor to approve audit with noted corrections. Motion approved

#### **Review and act on District financial matters, including:**

- Monthly financial reports from San Jacinto Tax Service.

Woodforest National Bank account statement ending January 31, 2026.

<b>Bank Account</b>	\$200,042.41
<b>IntraFi</b>	\$282,104.07
<b>Investments</b>	3,457,472.42
<b>Total Balance</b>	\$3,929,968.40

Mark Taylor made a motion to approve the financial report as presented, 2nd by Elaine Marshall. Motion approved.

- Monthly report from Investment Officer and action on Investments. No Report
- Payment of bills and invoices.

Invoice from San Jacinto Tax Service for January expenses. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnny Gaeke to pay invoice in amount of \$473.34. Motion approved.

Invoice from EHCEC for dispatch services for February 2026. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Ickes pay \$9,473.85 from Sales and Use Tax account. Motion approved.

Invoice from Coveler & Peeler for January 2026 Legal Services. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Taylor to pay the invoice in the amount of \$2,023.11. Motion approved.

Invoice from Clicktunity for \$149.00 for monthly website maintenance. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Marshall to approve. Motion approved

Reimbursement for expenses for attending SAF-D Conference in San Antonio for Jerry Ickes in the amount of \$1,413.15. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Taylor. Motion approved.

Reimbursement for expenses for attending SAF-D Conference in San Antonio for Jim Strouhal in the amount of \$1,501.32. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Taylor. Motion approved.

## **Report from Fire Chief Mike Carsner:**

Reviewed H.V.F.D. Treasurer's report for tax account.

## **HVFD Request for funds:**

- A request for \$16,000 for routine operations for the month of March 2026 from the Property Tax account was made. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Mark Taylor to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$220,558.47 for EMS Payroll 3 (three) paydays January 2025 from Sales and Use account was made. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$76,454.55 for Part-Time Firefighter Payroll 3 (three) paydays for January 2026 from the Sales and Use account was made. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$12,073.42 for Firefighter Incentives for January 2026 was made from the Sales and Use account. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$9,088.14 to pay EMS Personnel Health Insurance to reimburse the Fire Department for Insurance Premium for January 2026. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Taylor to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$1,887.46 pay for EMS Supplies for January 2026 from Sales and Use account. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to approve these funds. Motion approved.

## **New Business:**

- Review and act regarding real estate, including sale, purchase, lease, platting, utilities, encumbrance and legal actions related to real estate.  
No action
- To review and act on claims, lawsuits, or Public Information Act requests.  
No action
- Review and act regarding District funding for HVFD participation in the Texas Emergency Service Retirement System, VFIS length of service award program and other programs.

No action

- Review and act on matters related to construction, renovation, repair, maintenance and improvements to District or Department facilities and real property, including engagement of design professionals or engineering services, selection of builders/contractors, acquisition of materials for same, and cooperation with other county entities regarding the development of stations, including action on construction financing.

a. Timeline of new Station

Chief Carsner presented his timeline for the new station. Discussion was held and no action taken.

- To review and act on the acquisition of equipment and vehicles, including approval of acquisition financing for same and to discuss and act on disposition of surplus or salvage property pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code.

No action

Next meeting will be March 23, 2026, at 12:00 PM at Fire Station 27.

Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Jerry W. Ickes