

Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14

April 28, 2025 Minutes

The April meeting of H.C.E.S.D. #14 was called to order at 12:00 PM on April 28, 2025, 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 March 2025 meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Mark Taylor and 2nd by Elaine Marshall. Motion approved.

Correspondence received:

- Electronic Report of present and past correction rolls from H.C. Tax-Assessor Collector
- Woodforest National Bank account statement dated March 31, 2025
- Woodforest National Bank Pledge Report March 31, 2025
- Texas Controller of Public Accounts Special Purpose District Sales and Use Tax Allocation Summary ending 4/11/25: \$221,280.42
- VFIS Notice of Conditional Renewal

Review and act on District financial matters, including:

Woodforest National Bank account statement ending March 31, 2023.

Bank Account	\$1,056,798.05
Investments	\$3,006,326.41
Total Balance	\$4,063,124.46

Jerry Ickes made a motion to approve the financial report as presented, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke. Motion approved.

- Monthly financial reports from San Jacinto Tax Service.

- Quarterly report from Investment Officer and action on Investments. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to approve Investment Officer's report. Motion approved
- Payment of bills and invoices.

Invoice from San Jacinto Tax Service for March 2025 expenses. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to pay invoice in the amount of \$477.19. Motion approved.

Invoice from EHCEC for dispatch services for April 2025. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Mark Taylor pay \$8,930.00 from Sales and Use Tax account. Motion approved.

Invoice from Coveler & Peeler for March Legal Services. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to pay the invoice in the amount of \$1,917.50. Motion approved.

Report from Fire Chief Mike Carsner:

The total number of responses for the month of March 2025 was **353**.

	Total Calls		In District	Out of District
Fire Calls	112		4 Minutes	11 Minutes
EMS Cal	241		7 Minutes	6 Minutes

EMS Responses	Transports	Non-Transports	No Medical / No Patient	Life Flights
	133	64	23	9

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 May 2025 from the Property Tax account was made. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$120,890.96 for EMS Payroll 2 (two) paydays March 2025 from the Sales and Use account was made. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Jerry Ickes to approve these funds. Motion approved.

- A request for \$30,288.70 for Firefighter Payroll 2 (two) paydays for March 2025 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 \$14,344.26 for Firefighter Incentives for March 2025 was made from the Sales and Use account. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Mark Taylor to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$7,433.50 to pay EMS Personnel Health Insurance to reimburse the Fire Department for Insurance Premium for March 2025. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$10,655.06 to pay for EMS Supplies for March 2025 from Sales and Use account. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Mark Taylor to approve these funds. Motion approved.

New Business:

- Meeting in closed Session under Gov't Code 551.071 to consult with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or on matters which require confidentiality under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas.

No Action

- To meet in Closed Session under Gov't Code 551.072 to deliberate on real estate matters.

Discussion

- To review and take any action regarding real estate, including sale, purchase, lease platting, utilities, encumbrances, maintenance, and legal actions related to real estate.

No Action

- To review and act on claims, lawsuits, or Public Information Act request.

No Action

- To review and act regarding District funding for HVFD participation in the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System, VFIS length of service award program and other programs.

No Action

- Review and act regarding HCESD #14 facilities, including construction, maintenance, repairs, and utilities,

No Action

- To review and act on granting property tax exemptions for tax year 2025. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Mark Taylor to leave the property tax exemptions at \$50,000 for disabled and those over 65 years of age. The Board also approved a 5% Homestead Exemption for all residential properties. Motion approved

- Discuss TXFD Facilities Conference, Aug. 20 to 22, 2025 in Denton TX.

No Action

Returned to open session.

Board authorized Counsel to make counteroffer.

Next meeting will be May 19, 2025, at 12:00 PM at Fire Station 27.

Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Mark Taylor to adjourn. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 1:19 PM.

Jerry W. Ickes