

Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14

May 19, 2025 Minutes

The May meeting of H.C.E.S.D. #14 was called to order at 12:00 PM on May 19, 2025, by President Jim Strouhal. Members present were Jim Strouhal, Johnny Gaeke, and Jerry Ickes. A quorum was determined to be present. Attorney John Peeler was also present.

The minutes of the April 2025 meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Johnny Gaeke and 2nd by Jim Strouhal. Motion approved.

Public Comment:

Correspondence received:

- Electronic Report of present and past correction rolls from H.C. Tax-Assessor Collector
- Woodforest National Bank account statement dated April 30, 2025
- Woodforest National Bank Pledge Report April 30, 2025
- Texas Controller of Public Accounts Special Purpose District Sales and Use Tax Allocation Summary ending 5/6/25: \$236,553.24
- Letter from Hinojosa Law Firm

Review and act on District financial matters, including:

- Monthly financial reports from San Jacinto Tax Service.

Woodforest National Bank account statement ending April 30, 2023.

Bank Account	\$1,067,903.72
Investments	\$3,016,481.25
Total Balance	\$4,084,384.97

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

- Monthly report from Investment Officer. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to approve monthly Financial 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 Jerry Ickes to pay invoice in amount of \$475.73. Motion approved.

Invoice from EHCEC for dispatch services for April 2025. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to 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 Johnny Gaeke to pay the invoice in the amount of \$1,212.50. Motion approved.

Report from Fire Chief Mike Carsner:

The total number of responses for the month of April 2025 was 360.

	Total Calls		In District	Out of District
Fire Calls	103		4 Minutes	12 Minutes
EMS Cal	257		4 Minutes	7 Minutes

EMS Responses	Transports	Non-Transports	No Medical / No Patient	Life Flights
	121	84	28	4

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

HVFD Request for funds:

- A request for \$16,000 for routine operations for the month of June 2025 from Property Tax account was made. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Jerry Ickes to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$117,341.12 for EMS Payroll 2 (two) paydays April 2024 from Sales and Use account was made. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$32,328.21 for Firefighter Payroll 2 (two) paydays for April 2024 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 \$16,884.10 for Firefighter Incentives for April 2024 was made from the Sales and Use account. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$8,144.80 to pay EMS Personnel Health Insurance to reimburse the Fire Department for Insurance Premium for April 2025. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Jerry Ickes to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$11,990.23 to pay for EMS Supplies for April 2025 from Sales and Use account. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Jerry Ickes to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$4,467.00 for reimbursement for the expense of annual hose and ladder testing. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$49,029.90 purchase (3) Zoll Z Vent to replace outdated equipment. from Sales and Use account. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Jerry Ickes to approve the purchase of this equipment. 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.

Entered closed session at 1:04 PM

Returned to open session at 1:20 PM

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

Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to purchase an approximately 10 acre site on South Main for \$2,000,000.00 and authorize the Board President to negotiate minor changes, as needed, to contract a feasibility study, and secure a Title Company. Motion approved

- To review and take any action regarding real estate, including sale, purchase, lease platting, utilities, encumbrances, maintenance, and legal actions related to real estate.
- To review and act on claims, lawsuits, or Public Information Act requests.

District is not currently named in a suit.

- 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.

- Review and act to designate Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office to prepare the District's No New Revenue Tax Rate and related tax rate calculations for 2025, and to authorize staff and District counsel to assist the Tax Office as necessary, including publishing 2025 Tax Rate setting notices.

Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to authorize the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Office to prepare the No New Tax Rate and related calculation for 2025 and authorize staff and District Counsel to assist as necessary. Motion approved

- Determine if any of the HCESD #14 commissioners have received a certified copy of the Financial Audit.

Certified Copy of audit was sent to Coveler & Peeler and a copy was forward on to Harris County as required by State Law.

Next meeting will be June 23, 2025, at 12:00 PM at Fire Station 27.

Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Jerry Ickes to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:36 PM.

Jerry W. Ickes