

Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14

July 27, 2026 Minutes

The July meeting of H.C.E.S.D. #14 was called to order at 12:00 PM on July 27, 2026, by President Jim Strouhal. Members present were Jim Strouhal, Johnny Gaeke, Mark Taylor, and Elaine Marshall. A quorum was determined to be present. Attorney John Peeler was also present.

Public Comment:

No Public present

The minutes of the June 2026 Meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Johnny Gaeke 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 June 30, 2026
- Woodforest National Bank Pledge Report June 30, 2026
- Texas Controller of Public Accounts Special Purpose District Sales and Use Tax Allocation Summary. \$257,830.87
- Received notice from Harris Central Appraisal District
- Received notice from VFIS Insurance with Property & Casualty coverage
- Received notice from VFIS concerning House Bill 471

Review and act on District financial matters, including:

- Monthly financial reports from San Jacinto Tax Service.

Woodforest National Bank account statement ending June 30, 2026.

Bank Account	\$200,041.05
Intra-Fi	\$614,423.76
Investments	\$3,506,080.06
Uncleared Checks	\$1,649.00
Total Balance	4,318,895.87

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

- Quarterly report from Investment Officer and action on Investments. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Elaine Marshall approve Quarterly Investment Officer. Motion approved

- Payment of bills and invoices.

Invoice from San Jacinto Tax Service for June 2026 expenses. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Mark Taylor to pay invoice in amount of \$558.90. Motion approved.

Invoice from EHCEC for dispatch services for July 2026. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Mark Taylor pay \$9,473.85 from Sales and Use Tax account. Motion approved.

Invoice from Coveler & Peeler for June 2026 Legal Services. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to pay the invoice in the amount of \$2,270.61. Motion approved.

Invoice from Clicktunity for \$149.00 for monthly website maintenance. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to approve. Motion approved

Invoice from VFIS for renewal of Commercial Coverage in amount of \$6,616.00. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to pay invoice. Motion approved.

Invoice from Flagstar for annual payment for South Main property in amount of \$539,497.24. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Mark Taylor to pay and have bank wire payment. Motion approved.

Reimbursement to Jim Strouhal for annual Post Office box rental in amount of \$196.00. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to reimburse Jim for P.O, Box rental Motion approved

Report from Fire Chief Mike Carsner:

The total number of responses for the month of June 2026 was **367**.

	Total Calls		In District	Out of District
Fire Calls	119		5 Minutes	13 Minutes
EMS Cal	248		5 Minutes	9 Minutes

EMS Responses	Transports	Non-Transports	No Medical / No Patient	Life Flights
	142	59	31	2

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

HVFD Request for funds:

- A request for \$116,306.42 for EMS Payroll 2 (two) paydays May 2026 from Sales and Use account was made. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Mark Taylor to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$47,458.44 for Part-Time Firefighter Payroll 2 (two) paydays for May 2026 from the Sales and Use account was made. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to approve these funds. Motion approved
- Other department matters:
 - Hiring new Medical Director as of September 1, 2026. Dr. Ellerbe
 - Gave notice to Dr. Ghandi of change effective September 1, 2026.
 - Looking at hiring Shift Supervisors to make department more efficient.
 - Chief reported that some of the paid Part-Time FF are working on nights.

New Business:

- Discussion with HVFD Board of Directors regarding possible transition to ESD direct provider.
No Discussion
- To review and take action on matters related to calling an election to be held on November 3, 2026.
 - a. Approve an order calling for an election to three (3) Commissioners under Health and Safety Code 775.0345. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Mark Taylor to approve order to call for a Commissioner election in November 2026, and hold it jointly with Harris County. Motion approved

- To review and discuss upcoming 2027 Budget and 2026 Tax Rate. As of the posting date of the notice, the certified property values and tax rate calculations are not yet available. Therefore, no Taxpayer Impact Statement as required by Government Code 551.0439(c)(2) is available at this time. The District may act to propose the FY 2027 Budget and 2026 Tax Rate and schedule special meeting and public hearing related to the same.

Counsel submitted proposed budget and proposed tax rate and had us schedule special meeting on August 3, 2026.

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

Group of people using AI for public information request.

- 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.

Put on hold

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

Platting completed. City of Baytown planning letter being handled by Weissner Engineering.

- 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.

Visited with Joby Copley & Chad Joiner from Joiner Architects. Review contract. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to approve contract. Motion approved

- 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 775.0735

HVFD notified Board of their proposal purchase of new engine.

- To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code 551.071 to consult with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or on matters which require confidentiality under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas.

No action

- To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code 551.072 to deliberate regarding real estate matters.

No action

- To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code 551.076 to deliberate regarding security devices or security audits.

No action

- To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code 551.0761 to deliberate regarding critical infrastructure and cybersecurity matters.

No action

Special meeting on August 3, 2026 at 12:00 PM.

Next meeting will be August 24, 2026, at 12:00 PM at Fire Station 27.

Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to adjourn. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 1:14 PM.

Minutes taken by Elaine Marshall, transcribed by Jerry Ickes

Jerry W. Ickes

Secretary