

Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14

July 28, 2025 Minutes

The July meeting of H.C.E.S.D. #14 was called to order at 12:00 PM on July 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:

Jim Strouhal asked about St. Jude Catholic Church possibly using the South Main property to park vehicles on it for their annual Bazaar. Legal counsel will prepare an agreement for it.

The minutes of the June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting and July 14, 2025 Special Meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Elaine Marshall and 2nd 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 June 30, 2025
- Woodforest National Bank Pledge Report June 30, 2025
- Texas Controller of Public Accounts Special Purpose District Sales and Use Tax Allocation Summary ending 7/11/25: \$198,674.14
- Triton Consulting Group
- Harris Central Appraisal District approved budget
- Loan documents for South Main property

Review and act on District financial matters, including:

- Monthly financial reports from San Jacinto Tax Service.

Woodforest National Bank account statement ending June 30, 2025.

Bank Account	\$1,168,003.18
Investments	\$3,035,777.13
Total Balance	\$4,203,791.31

Jerry Ickes 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. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Jerry Ickes approve monthly Investment Officer. Motion approved

- Payment of bills and invoices.

Invoice from San Jacinto Tax Service for June expenses. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to pay invoice in the amount of \$477.19. Motion approved.

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

Invoice from Coveler & Peeler for June 2025 Legal Services. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Elaine to pay the invoice in the amount of \$2,049.36. Motion approved.

Invoice from USPS in the amount of \$192.00 for annual P.O. Box rental. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to pay. Motion approved

Invoice from Clicktunity in the amount of \$149.00 for monthly website service. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to approve. Motion approved

Invoice from VFIS for annual insurance coverage in the amount of \$6,541.00 Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Mark Taylor to pay invoice. Motion approved

Invoice from Hdl for quarterly service in amount of \$1,500.00, Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to pay. Motion approved

Report from Fire Chief Mike Carsner:

The total number of responses for the month of May 2025 was **359**.

	Total Calls		In District	Out of District
Fire Calls	117		6 Minutes	11 Minutes
EMS Cal	242		6 Minutes	7 Minutes

EMS Responses	Transports	Non-Transports	No Medical / No Patient	Life Flights
	134	69	26	3

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

HVFD Request for funds:

- A request for \$123,010.85 for EMS Payroll 2 (two) paydays June 2025 from Sales and Use account was made. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$38,843.02 for Firefighter Payroll 2 (two) paydays for June 2025 from the Sales and Use account was made. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Mark Taylor to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$16,058.65 to pay for EMS Supplies for May 2025 from Sales and Use account. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Elaine Marshall 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.

No action

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

Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to authorize Board President Jim Strouhal to approve any matters that might come up in regards to the closing on South Main property and to authorize him to approve closing related documents.
Motion approved

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

No action taken due to District not being involved

- 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

- To review and act regarding HCESD#14 facilities, including construction, maintenance, repairs, and utilities.

No action

- To receive a presentation from HVFD regarding FY 2026 HVFD Budget and funding request to the District.

Received proposed HVFD 2026 Budget

- Proposing the District's 2026 Budget

The Board generally discussed 2026 Budget needs and noted that the Budget will be approved at the August 25th special meeting when the Tax Rate is adopted.

- To propose the District's 2025 Tax Rate and schedule the date of the public hearing and final adoption of the ad valorem tax rate.

Motion by Mark Taylor, 2nd by Elaine Marshall that we propose the 2025 tax rate at .08500%. Motion approved 5 to 0.

- To act to call an election to confirm the District's 2025 ad valorem tax rate.

No action needed

Next meetings will be August 25, 2025, at 12:00 PM at Fire Station 27: special meeting for tax hearing and adoption and regular meeting.

Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:14 PM.

Jerry W. Ickes