

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

### **August 24, 2026 Minutes**

The August meeting of H.C.E.S.D. #14 was called to order at 12:10 PM on August 24, 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 July 2026 Meeting and the August 3, 2026 Special Meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Elaine Marshall, 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 July 31, 2026
- Woodforest National Bank Pledge Report July 31, 2026
- Texas Controller of Public Accounts Special Purpose District Sales and Use Tax Allocation Summary ending 8/14/26: \$244,209.25

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

- Monthly financial reports from San Jacinto Tax Service.

Woodforest National Bank account statement ending July 31, 2026.

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Bank Account</b>     | \$200,041.04   |
| <b>Intra-Fi</b>         | \$557,868.85   |
| <b>Investments</b>      | \$3,128,668.68 |
| <b>Uncleared Checks</b> | \$345.00       |
| <b>Total Balance</b>    | \$3,886,233.57 |

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

- Payment of bills and invoices.

Invoice from San Jacinto Tax Service for July 2026 expenses. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Taylor to pay invoice in amount of \$478.28. Motion approved.

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

Invoice from Coveler & Peeler for July 2026 Legal Services. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Taylor to pay the invoice in the amount of \$2,737.47. Motion approved.

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

Invoice from Star Courier for Legal Notice Ad and affidavit in the amount of \$1,465.00. Motion by Mark Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Marshall to pay invoice. Motion approved.

Invoice from Harris Central Appraisal District for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Assessment Collection in the amount of \$3,042.00. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Ickes to approve payment. Motion approved

Invoice from Weisser Engineering for Platting Services in the amount of \$7,242.50 Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Marshall to pay. Motion approved

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

The total number of responses for the month of July 2026 was **361**.

|                   | <b>Total Calls</b> |  | <b>In District</b> | <b>Out of District</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Fire Calls</b> | 120                |  | 5 Minutes          | 11 Minutes             |
| <b>EMS Cal</b>    | 241                |  | 6 Minutes          | 9 Minutes              |

| EMS Responses | Transports | Non-Transports | No Medical / No Patient | Life Flights |
|---------------|------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|               | 144        | 54             | 29                      | 2            |

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

#### **HVFD Request for funds:**

- A request for \$165,544.33 for EMS Payroll, 3 (three) paydays July 2026 from Sales and Use account was made. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$72,521.47 for Part-Time Firefighter Payroll, 3 (three) paydays for July 2026 from the Sales and Use account was made. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Mark Taylor to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$8,166.90 for Firefighter Incentives for May 2026 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 \$6,058.76 to pay EMS Personnel Health Insurance to reimburse the Fire Department for Insurance Premium for July 2026. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Marshall to approve these funds. Motion approved.

#### **New Business:**

- Discussion with Highlands VFD Board of Directors regarding possible transition to ESD direct provider.

No Action

- To review and take action on matters related to an election to be held on November 3, 2026 to elect three Commissioners under Health & Safety Code section 775.0345.
  - To review and take action to hold an election jointly with one or more other political subdivision;

No Action

- To review and take action to contract with County Election Office for election services;

No Action

- To consider and take action on other Orders, Resolutions and related matters for the election.

Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Taylor to cancel the November 3, 2026 election due to not having Candidates registering to run against Incumbents. Motion approved

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

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

- 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

- 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.

No Action

- 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

No Action

- 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

Next meeting will be September 28, 2026, at 12:00 PM at Fire Station 27.

Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Jerry W. Ickes