

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2026 MEETING OF
HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 15**

A meeting was duly called of **HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 15**, which was held on February 12, 2026 at the **Tomball Fire Department Station 4**, located at **10333 Mahaffey Road Tomball, Texas 77375**.

The meeting was called to order by President **TERRY WHISTLER** at 7:30 p.m. Those commissioners present when the meeting commenced were **TERRY WHISTLER, KARL SAGSTETTER, and BARBARA SEBER**. **Commissioner BEAR WILSON appeared through videoconference in accordance with Texas Government Code section 551.127** Also in attendance were Tomball Fire Chief **JOE SYKORA** of the Tomball Fire Department, District Counsel **THOMAS VELEZ** of Coveler & Peeler, P.C. and District Bookkeeper **KATIE NORRIS**.

Quorum being established, the meeting proceeded as scheduled.

The Board next addressed agenda item 2, to receive public comments. There were no public comments.

The Board then addressed agenda item 3, to approve minutes of prior meeting(s). Commissioner **SAGSTETTER** made a motion seconded by Commissioner **SEBER** to approve the January 8, 2026 meeting minutes with edits. President **WHISTLER** called for a vote and the motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

The Board then addressed agenda item 4, to take action regarding the District's 2026 Budget. There were no amendments at this time. No action was taken.

Then Board next addressed agenda item 5 to receive and approve the District's financial report, including the financial condition of the District and the District's investments. Commissioner **SEBER**, the District Board Treasurer, presented her portion of the financial report. She provided a verbal summary of the District's finances. Commissioner **SEBER** also provided copies of the most recent account statements from the District's banks and investment accounts. Katie Norris, the District's Bookkeeper presented her report. Commissioner **SAGSTETTER** made a motion seconded by Commissioner **SEBER** to approve the treasurer's report and bookkeeper report as presented. President **WHISTLER** called for a vote and the motion carried by a vote of 4-0. For more detailed information concerning the District's financial condition, see the financial reports on file with the District.

The Board then addressed agenda item 6, to review, discuss and take action on the District's Investment Policy. The Board reviewed the District's Investment Policy. Legal counsel advised that there have been no substantive changes, either to legislation or policy; therefore, no alterations were recommended. The Board acknowledged the statutory requirement for periodic adoption of the investment policy. Commissioner **SAGSTETTER** made a motion seconded by Commissioner **SEBER** to approve the continued use of the District's Investment Policy. President **WHISTLER** called for a vote and the motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

The Board next addressed item 7, to approve the payment of the bills as presented. Commissioner SEBER informed the Board that the District received a check for rent for the year 2026 from Harris County Emergency Services District No. 3 for \$52,000. Commissioner **SEBER** presented the bills for approval and payment out of account 3450 as follows: Check 2418 to RIT Financial for \$2,750.00; Check 2419 for NW MUD # 5 for \$166.30; Check 2420 to Dowdell PUD for \$55.16; Check 2421 to Dowdell PaUD for \$168.38; and Check 2422 to Coveler & Peeler for \$1,939.36. Commissioner **SAGSTETTER** made a motion, seconded by Commissioner **SEBER** to approve the payment of the bills and transfers as presented. President **WHISTLER** called for a vote and the motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

The Board next addressed item 8, to review and act to approve the purchase, funding, financing and payment for capital assets, including vehicles, fire-fighting apparatus repairs and equipment and not non-capital items and expenses. No action was taken.

The Board then addressed item 9, to review and approve repair and maintenance expenses for Station 4 and Station 5. No action was taken.

The Board next addressed item 10, to receive a report of fire suppression activity from the Tomball Fire Department. Chief Sykora provided an operational update, including information about January call activity and trends; Increased call volume over recent years; Response time improvements associated with Station 4; and Ongoing staffing and recruitment updates. Chief Sykora reported that the District has transitioned to the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) effective January 1. While the system provides real-time data capabilities, the reporting vendor is currently unable to generate printable reports, which has temporarily limited the District's ability to produce formal incident summaries and may have an impact in responding to certain public information requests. The Chief indicated the District may evaluate alternative vendors if the issue persists. The Chief reported that for January, approximately 56% of calls were medical in nature, with the remainder consisting of public service responses, hazardous conditions,

fires, and non-emergency calls. The Chief further noted that the District's overall call volume has increased significantly over the past five years, rising from approximately 1,677 calls in 2020, 1,969 calls in 2022, to approximately 3,250 calls in 2025, reflecting growth in population density, development, and service demands. The Chief also reported that the relocation of Northwest Community Health personnel from Stations 4 and 5 has resulted in longer on-scene times for certain medical calls, as District personnel are now more frequently required to remain with patients pending arrival of transport units. The Chief discussed ongoing staffing and recruitment efforts and advised that recent interviews have yielded several qualified candidates for operational positions. No action was taken.

The Board then addressed item 11 to review, discuss and take action for the sale or disposal of obsolete surplus and/or salvage property pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code 775.0735. No action was taken.

The Board then addressed item 12, to meet in Executive Session, pursuant to §551.071 Texas Government Code, to conduct a private consultation with the District's legal counsel. The Board went into closed session at 8:36 P.M. and came out of closed session at 8:43 P.M. .

The Board next addressed item 13, to place any new items which need to be on the agenda for the subsequent District meeting. No action was taken.

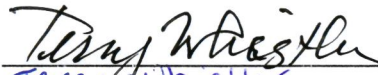
The Board next addressed item 14, to schedule the regular March meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2026 at 7:30 P.M. No action was taken.

The Board then addressed item 15, adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner **SEBER** made a motion, seconded by Commissioner **SAGSTETTER** to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 P.M. President **WHISTLER** called for a vote and the motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

The foregoing minutes were passed and approved by the Board of Commissioners on March 12, 2026.

**HARRIS COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 15**

By:


Terry Whistler
Board President