

MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2020 MEETING
HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 48

A meeting was duly called of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48, which was held at the District Administrative Building located at 21201 Morton Road, Katy, Texas 77449, on Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM.

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by **Marshall Kramer**, President, who announced that a quorum was present. Those Commissioners present were:

Marshall Kramer	Present
Sam Henderson	Present
Bret Fossum	Present
Russell Solomon	Present
Michael Fleming	Present

Also present at the meeting were Fire Chief, Jeff Hevey, Assistant Chief of Administration, Tommy Westall, Assistant Chief of EMS, Erick Bank, Assistant Chief of Operations, Brett Ellis, Deputy Chief, Ray Sidwell, and Assistant HR Office Manager, Jackie Tobar. Also, Ira Coveler, with the law firm of Coveler & Peeler, the District's legal counsel was in attendance.

TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public comment.

TO REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND TAKE ACTION TO PAY DISTRICT BILLS.

Ms. Tobar presented the Board with the District bills. The Board reviewed and discussed the District bills. Mr. **Henderson** made a motion to approve the District bills related to expenses incurred by the District since the prior meeting. Mr. **Fleming** seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

TO REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND TAKE ACTION ON THE VFIS TOTAL LOSS OF A 2005 FORD EXPEDITION.

Chief Sidwell discussed the VFIS total loss of the 2005 Ford Expedition. Chief Sidwell proposed the District use funds from the Donations Account to cover funding the vehicle. Currently, in the Donations Account has a total balance of \$174,976.41. There was no action taken by the Board on this matter.

TO REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON ENHANCED INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EMS FOR STANDARD OPERATIONS, SPECIAL OPERATIONS, AND COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE.

Chief Bank discussed enhanced insurance coverage for EMS for standard operations, special operations, and community Paramedicine. Mr. Coveler and Chief Bank explained that the existing coverage from VFIS for the District's liability protection was not adequately defined

to protect for all of the new initiatives being pursued by the EMS division of the Department. The coverage being requested was to provide better malpractice/errors/ommissions coverage for the District EMS personnel.

Mr. **Fossum** made a motion to approve Nautilus Insurance Company for \$5,700 per year. Mr. **Solomon** seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

TO REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON DISTRICT BUDGET MATTERS.

Chief Westall presented matters related to the 2020 District Budget to the Board and the Board discussed with the Department staff the District's 2020 budget concerns.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. **Henderson** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. **Solomon** seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were passed and approved by the Board of Commissioners on August 5, 2020.



Russell Solomon
District Secretary