

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2020, MEETING
HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 48

A special meeting was duly called of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48, held at the District Administration Building located at 21201 Morton Road, Katy, Texas 77449, on Wednesday, October 14, 2020.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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 District Fire Chief, Jeffrey Hevey, Assistant Chief of EMS, Eric Bank, Assistant Chief of Operations, Brett Ellis, Assistant Chief of Administration, Ray Sidwell, Division Chief of Logistics, Machele Richter, Chief of Safety and Planning, Tommy Westall, Business Manager, Walla Almasri, and Office Manager, Jackie Tobar. Also, Ira Coveler, the District's legal counsel with the law firm of Coveler & Peeler.

TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public comment was made.

TO REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING NEEDED REPAIRS TO THE MORTON ROAD COMPLEX'S SEPTIC SYSTEM.

Chief Sidwell discussed the needed repairs to the septic system at the Morton Road Complex. Christensen Building Group LLC will not be charging the District a fee to fix the septic system.

TO MEET IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §551.071 TO CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL OR TO DISCUSS SALES TAX MATTERS AS PERMITTED BY TAX CODE §323.3022.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:09 p.m. to discuss legal matters with District Counsel and concluded executive session regarding legal consultation at 5:28 p.m.

TO MEET IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §551.072 TO DELIBERATE REGARDING REAL ESTATE MATTERS.

The Board did NOT enter into Executive Session to review real estate matters.

TO MEET IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §551.074 TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:29 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The Board exited closed session regarding personnel matters at 5:59 p.m.

REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON DISTRICT REAL ESTATE MATTERS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.

The Board announced Chief Hevey had retired as fire chief of Harris County Services District No. 48. The Board stated that Chief Hevey will be greatly missed but after decades in the fire service, his retirement is well earned.

Board President Marshall Kramer shared that “Chief Hevey is a special man, a friend and a highly accomplished 45-year veteran of the Fire and Emergency Medical Service,” and that the “the community is grateful for his service.”

The Board recognized that Chief Hevey will always be the first fire chief for ESD 48 fire and EMS department, which was created several years ago to serve the growing Katy-area community.

The Board expressed gratitude to Chief Hevey on behalf of the firefighters, medics, and volunteers of ESD 48 for his service.

The Board also announced that the command and administrative team is ready for the challenges of tomorrow and that John Paetow will be interim fire chief while the Board of Commissioners conducts a search for a new fire chief to lead the department.

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 6:02 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were passed and approved by the Board of Commissioners on December 16, 2020.



Russell Solomon
District Secretary