

MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2023, MEETING
HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 48

A 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 **January 4, 2023**.

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by **Sam Henderson** Board President, who announced that a quorum was present. Those Commissioners present were:

Sam Henderson	President	Present
Russell Solomon	Vice President	Present
Mike Fleming	Treasurer	Present
Scott Strait	Secretary	Present
Patti Creel	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	Absent

Also present:

George McAteer	Fire Chief
Ray Sidwell	Assistant Chief of Administration
Eric Bank	Assistant Chief of EMS
Machelle Richter	Chief of Logistics
Jackie Harvey	Office Manager
Robin Brian	Asst. Office Manager
David Manley	Legal Counsel

2. To receive public comment.

No public comment.

3. To review, discuss and act on matters related to the renovation of Station 4.

Item tabled.

4. To review, discuss and take action to approve the agreement presented by Skyway Towers, to authorize the installation of power poles by CenterPoint necessary for Skyway Towers to then install the radio tower at the District's Porter Road property.

Chief Sidwell met with representative from Skyway last week and presented the information from the meeting. He informed the Board that to obtain the electric easement they will need to take out two trees that were not approved in the original contract. They stated they are now needing fifty-one feet, instead of the agreed upon twenty feet. David Manley is going to research the specifics of the original agreement and the protection of the trees. Commissioner Solomon made a motion to approve the agreement presented by Skyway Towers pending legal review. Commissioner Strait seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

5. **To review, discuss, and act on acquisition of apparatus, equipment, technology, and supplies related to the operation of the District's fire stations, apparatus or equipment.**

Chief Sidwell reported the District has three inquiries related to the rescue truck. No action taken.

6. **To pay the District's invoices and expenses and approval of any wire transfers.**

Robin Brian presented the District's invoices for \$576,270.90 for approval by the board. Commissioner Fleming made a motion to approve the District's bills related to expenses incurred by the District since the previous meeting for \$576,270.90. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion, and the motion passed 4-0.

7. **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.**

The Board did not go into executive session and did not take any action on items 8 through 11.

Adjournment.

Commissioner Solomon made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Flemming seconded the motion. The adjournment occurred at 5:46 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were passed and approved by the District Board of Commissioners on February 15, 2023.

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By:



SCOTT STRAIT

Secretary of the Board