

MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING
HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 29

A special meeting was duly called by the Board of Commissioners of **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 29** on **Monday, May 13, 2024** at Fire Station 11, located at **12730 Champion Forest Drive, Houston, Texas 77066**.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by **Scott Morgan**, President and Chairman for the meeting.

President **Morgan** announced that a quorum was present. Those Commissioners present were:

Scott Morgan	Present
David Parker	Absent
Jon Taylor	Present
Kenneth Latimer	Present
Bill Hogue	Present

Also present at the meeting were Fire Chief Dan Shelor, Ira Coveler of Coveler & Peeler, P.C., legal counsel, and Pat Hull of ESIP, the District's insurance provider.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND TO THE TEXAS FLAG.

The District Commissioners and other persons present at the meeting joined together to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and the Pledge of Allegiance to Texas.

TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT.

The Board first opened the floor to public comment, though none was forthcoming.

TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING DISTRICT INSURANCE MATTERS.

The Board next discussed matters related to District insurance coverage. Proposals had been received from ESIP, the District's current carrier, and VFIS, for new insurance policies to take effect after the current policy expired on May 17th. Chief Shelor provided a spreadsheet to the Board, showing comparisons of coverage costs between the providers, noting only slight differences in the cost of coverage through ESIP as opposed to VFIS. After review, Mr. **Latimer** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Taylor**, to continue carrying coverage for the District through ESIP. Thereafter, President **Morgan** called for a vote, and the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING INSURANCE MATTERS RELATED TO HB471.

The Board then discussed District coverage related to HB471. Chief Shelor reminded the Board that the current policy through Provident would pay an employee up to \$650 a week if needed. That policy would cost the District approximately \$4,866 a year for all seventy-seven

(77) employees, and would cost \$33,800 annually if fully maxed out. Certain items or clarifications could also be added to that policy if necessary. After review, the Board unanimously agreed to maintain the current Provident policy. No further action was taken at this time.

TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING ANY MATTERS RELATED TO THE DISTRICT'S BUDGET.

The Board took no action related to the District's budget.

TO DESIGNATE THE HARRIS COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE TO PREPARE THE DISTRICT'S NO NEW REVENUE TAX RATE AND RELATED TAX RATE CALCULATIONS FOR 2024.

Mr. Coveler then presented the Board with a Resolution to designate the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office to prepare the District's No New Revenue Tax Rate and related tax rate calculations for 2024. He explained this was an annual resolution to appoint the tax office to gather and calculate information which would impact the District's tax rate setting later in the year and would present no cost to the District. After review, Mr. **Taylor** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Hogue**, to approve the resolution. After discussion, President **Morgan** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

TO TAKE ACTION TO DECLARE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR THE MAY 4, 2024 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ELECTION TO BE ELECTED FOR NEW TERMS TO BEGIN ON JUNE 1, 2024.

Next, Mr. Coveler advised the Board that, having received no additional applications for Commissioner seats, and having subsequently cancelled the May 4, 2024 District election, Commissioners **Hogue**, **Latimer**, and **Parker** would retain their Board seats, and be considered re-elected for a new four (4) year term commencing June 1, 2024. He then requested a vote to confirm the election of those Commissioners. After review, Mr. **Taylor** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Latimer**, to approve the re-election of Commissioners **Hogue**, **Latimer**, and **Parker** to the ESD 29 Board of Commissioners. Thereafter, President **Morgan** called for a vote, and the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

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 AND TAX CODE §323.3022 TO DISCUSS SALES TAX MATTERS.

The Board convened in Closed Session to consult with legal counsel at 11:52 a.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 11:57 a.m.

TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ANY REAL ESTATE OR PERSONNEL MATTERS.

The board took no action regarding real estate or personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further discussion, Mr. **Taylor** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Hogue**, to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Thereafter, President **Morgan** called for a vote, and the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board at the June 6, 2024 meeting

By: 

Jon Taylor
District Secretary

