

**Hays County ESD #4 Board of Commissioners
August 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

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- 1. Call meeting to order and verify quorum;**
Mr. Joe Pendleton called the meeting to order at 4:45pm. Commissioners present: Mr. Joe Pendleton, Mr. Travis Brown, Mr. Justin Transeau, and Mr. Manuel Grafia. Mr. Joseph Malone was not present at roll call; he arrived at 4:49pm. A quorum was present. Also present: Carroll Czichos, Fire Chief; Christopher Robbins, Assistant Fire Chief; and Sydney Johnson, Executive Assistant.
- 2. Public comment;**
No public sign-in. No public comment.
Mr. Joseph Malone arrived at 4:49pm.
- 3. Consider taking action regarding budget for fiscal year October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025;**
A motion to adopt the budget for fiscal year October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025 was made by Mr. Transeau and seconded by Mr. Brown. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Conduct a public hearing on the proposal to increase property taxes;**
Mr. Pendleton opened the public hearing at 4:55pm. No public was present at the hearing. Mr. Pendleton closed the public hearing at 5:00pm.
- 5. Take a record vote on the District's 2024 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, authorize filing the Order with the County Tax Assessor/Collector; and**
Mr. Brown made the following motion: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.06950/\$100 valuation, which is effectively a 27.103 percent increase in the tax rate." Mr. Transeau seconded. Mr. Brown voted FOR, Mr. Transeau voted FOR, Mr. Grafia voted FOR, Mr. Malone voted FOR, and Mr. Pendleton voted FOR. Mr. Brown also moved to adopt an Order Levying Taxes and authorize filing the Order with the County Tax Assessor/Collector and was seconded by Mr. Transeau. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Acknowledge and approve posting on statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District website;**
A motion to acknowledge and approve posting on statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District website was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Grafia. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7. Approval of minutes from the regular meeting held on July 30, 2024;**
A motion to approve the minutes from July 30, 2024 was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Grafia. Mr. Malone ABSTAINED from voting. The motion passed 4-0-1.
- 8. Receive monthly report from Treasurer and consider:**
 - a) Approval for payment of monthly invoices including payroll; and**
 - b) Approval of monthly financial reports prepared by bookkeeper;**A Motion to approve the July 2024 Treasurer's report was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Malone. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9. Receive monthly report from Asst. Chief Robbins regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, personnel, management activities, and community outreach;**
Asst. Chief Robbins reported 159 calls July 30 to August 20, 2024 with an average response time of 6.8 minutes. 1,610 Calls YTD. One full-time firefighter moved to part-time

employment in August. Three of our staff will be attending paramedic school in the coming months. Preparations for Fire Prevention Week have begun.

10. Receive report from Chief Czichos regarding stations, apparatus, and equipment;

Chief Czichos reported Rescue 47 was sold to a department in Wisconsin.

11. Discuss and consider action on monthly report from District's Attorney regarding pending litigation matters, contract issues, tax and budgeting issues, and legislative efforts;

No report from District's Attorney. No action taken.

12. Discuss and consider Chief Czichos' plan of succession;

Chief Czichos will present a written plan of succession to the Board at the next meeting. No action taken.

13. Discuss time, place, date, and agenda items for next meeting;

The next Regular Meeting will be held September 24, 2024, at 5:00pm. All meetings are held at 111 Green Acres Drive in Wimberley, Texas.

14. Adjourn;

Mr. Pendleton adjourned the meeting at 5:21pm.

Submitted by,



Justin Transeau, Secretary-Treasurer
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