

HAYS COUNTY ESD #4 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 19, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

1. Call meeting to order and verify quorum;

- Mr. Joe Pendleton called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
- Commissioners present: Mr. Joe Pendleton, Mr. Travis Brown, Mr. Joeseph Malone, and Mr. Manuel Grafia. Mr. Justin Transeau was absent. A quorum was present.
- Also present: Christopher Robbins, Interim Fire Chief; Carroll Czichos, Outgoing Fire Chief; and Sydney Johnson, Executive Assistant.

2. Public comment;

- No public sign-in. No public comment.

3. Consider taking action regarding budget for fiscal year October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026;

- A motion to adopt the budget for FY 2025-2026 as presented was made by Mr. Grafia and seconded by Mr. Brown.
- Motion passed (4-0).

4. Conduct a public hearing on the proposal to increase property taxes;

- A public hearing was held. No public comment.

5. Take a record vote on the District's 2025 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, authorize filing the Order with the County Tax Assessor/Collector; and

- Mr. Joeseph Malone made the following motion: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 8.6960 cents per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 31.36 percent increase in the tax rate." Mr. Grafia seconded.
- Mr. Pendleton voted FOR, Mr. Brown voted FOR, Mr. Malone voted FOR, Mr. Grafia voted FOR, and Mr. Transeau was ABSENT. Motion passed (4-0).
- Mr. Malone also moved to adopt an Order Levying Taxes and authorize filing the Order with the County Tax Assessor/Collector and was seconded by Mr. Grafia.
- Motion passed (4-0).

6. Acknowledge and approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District website;

- A motion to acknowledge and approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to the home page of the District's website was made by Mr. Malone and seconded by Mr. Grafia.
- Motion passed (4-0).

7. Approval of minutes from the meetings held on July 29, 2025;

- The meeting minutes from July 29, 2025, were distributed prior to the meeting.
- Mr. Pendleton asked for corrections. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

8. Receive monthly Treasurer's Summary & District Investment Reports; consider approving issued payments and financial reports prepared by the District's bookkeeper;

- A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for July 2025 was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Malone.
- Motion passed (4-0).

9. Receive monthly report from Interim Fire Chief Christopher Robbins regarding emergency operations, personnel and management activities, training, community outreach, stations, apparatus, and equipment;

- Emergency Operations:
 - The monthly call report was deferred, as the board meeting took place prior to the end of the reporting period.
- Personnel and Management Activities:
 - Continued development of FY 2025-2026 Budget, Capital Improvement, and Strategic Plans.
 - Finalized loan process for the purchase of two Tenders (T-41 & T-42).
- Training:
 - 5 staff are currently in Paramedic School.
- Community Outreach:
 - Participated in WISD Athletics Fundraiser for Center Point VFD & Ingram Little League.
- Apparatus:
 - Tenders 41 & 42 will be received on August 27th.
 - Engine 42 is going to Metro August 20th for Preventative Maintenance.

10. 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.

11. Discuss and consider action regarding ongoing Station 42 Development;

- Discussion occurred with no action taken.

12. Discuss date, time, location, and agenda items for the next meeting;

- The next regular meeting will be held September 30, 2025, at 5:30pm. All meetings are held at 111 Green Acres Dr. in Wimberley, Texas.

13. Adjourn;

- Mr. Pendleton adjourned the meeting at 6:14pm.

Submitted by,



Manuel Grafia, Secretary

Hays County ESD #4 Board of Commissioners