

**Hays County ESD #4 Board of Commissioners**  
**July 30, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call meeting to order and verify quorum;**

Mr. Joe Pendleton called the meeting to order at 4:35pm. Commissioners present: Mr. Joe Pendleton, Mr. Travis Brown, Mr. Justin Transeau, and Mr. Manuel Grafia. Mr. Joseph Malone was absent. 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.

**3. Approval of minutes from the regular meeting held on June 25, 2024;**

A motion to approve the minutes from June 25, 2024 was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Transeau. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. 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 June 2024 Treasurer's report as presented was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Grafia. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. 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 270 calls for the month with an average response time of 7 minutes. He and two other staff members attended a Swiftwater class in Arkansas this past weekend.

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

Chief Czichos reported he has two departments interested in buying R-47.

**7. 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.

**8. Discuss and consider taking action regarding 2024-2025 budget;**

Discussion occurred. No action taken at this time.

**9. Discuss and consider taking action regarding 2024 tax rate, including:**

**a) Establishing proposed tax rate;**

**b) Taking record vote and scheduling public hearing;**

**c) Authorizing expense and publication of "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" in the Newspaper; and**

**d) Acknowledging and approving posting of "Notice About 2024 Tax Rates" and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" to home page of District website.**

A tax rate of \$0.06950 per \$100 valuation was proposed. Mr. Brown voted FOR the proposal, Mr. Transeau voted FOR the proposal, Mr. Grafia voted FOR the proposal, Mr. Pendleton voted FOR the proposal, and Mr. Malone was ABSENT. A motion to schedule a Public Hearing for August 20, 2024 at 4:30pm, authorize the expense and publication of "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" in the Newspaper, and acknowledge and approve posting of "Notice About 2024 Tax Rates" and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Transeau.

**10. Discuss and consider approval of the revised Public Information Act Policy and authorize the Board President to Execute the Resolution; take any related action;**

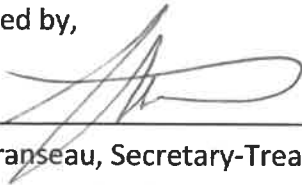
A motion to approve the revised Public Information Act policy and authorize the Board President to execute the Resolution was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Grafia.

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

A Public Hearing to on Tax Increase is scheduled for August 20, 2024 at 4:30pm. The next Regular Meeting will be held August 20, 2024, after the Public Hearing. All meetings are held at 111 Green Acres Drive in Wimberley, Texas.

**12. Adjourn; Adjourned at 5:25pm.**

Submitted by,



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Justin Transeau, Secretary-Treasurer  
Hays County ESD #4 Board of Commissioners