

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD AMBULANCE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DATE: July 18, 2015

*Present:* Rick Johnson, Joseph Martinez, Kathy Bueno, George Dasko & Denise Clark

*Other Guests:* Dan Moynihan, EMS Chief  
Dan Bates, Assistant EMS Chief

*General Public:* None

<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>	<b><u>DISCUSSION</u></b>
Call to Order/Pledge	Meeting was called to order at <b>9:03</b> am by Rick Johnson. Pledge of Allegiance was performed.
Roll Call/Proof of Quorum	There was a quorum. Rick Johnson took roll call. All present were Denise Clark, Joseph Martinez, Kathy Bueno, George Dasko and Rick Johnson.
Proof of Notice	Notices were posted at the Trinidad Ambulance District Office, City of Trinidad, Trinidad Police Department, and the Chronicle News. The Agenda was posted at the Trinidad Ambulance District Office at 939 Robinson Ave.
Approval of Minutes	The June 25, 2015 minutes looked good. No changes were needed.  Motion to approve the minutes for the June 25, 2015 board meeting was made by Joe Martinez and seconded by Kathy Bueno. Motion passed by Joe Martinez, Denise Clark, Kathy Bueno and Rick Johnson. George Dasko abstained.
Public Comments	None
Financial & Billing Report	Nothing in particular stands out. Everything looks good. Medicaid & Medicare make up roughly 80% of our billing when it used to be only 50%. Bernadette wrote a letter regarding the financials due to her being unavailable to attend today's meeting. Her letter was reviewed.  Billing procedures are running smoothly and there are no issues of concern.  Motion to accept the financial & billing report was made by Denise Clark and seconded by Kathy Bueno. Motion passed by Kathy Bueno, Joe Martinez, Denise Clark, George Dasko and Rick Johnson.
3103	3103 is still in the shop. 3103 is fine unless it is used on a long distance trip. We very rarely have 5 ambulances out. Dan Moynihan feels that it is not worth the

cost of major repair or overhaul. The District should be fine until March of 2016 when the new grant process starts. There was discussion about the issues, the repairs attempted and the opinions of what should be done with it.

The new ambulance will be here in September. It was agreed that for now 3103 will be the back up to the other 4 ambulances.

#### Auditor Bill

When the auditor originally made a bid to do the audit, they bid \$9,500 plus no more than \$1,500 in expenses. The bill the District received had an additional \$4,500 added onto the \$9,500. The District received several bids from auditors this last spring, most of which were between \$12,000 and \$14,000 to complete the audit. Stockman & Kast were recommended to us at the SDA conference and placed a more competitive bid.

A discussion took place regarding the concerns and opinions of the additional \$4,500 added onto the District's bill. The audit itself cost the District extra money because of the third parties involved that needed to be compensated.

The biggest concern is the boxes of information that were prepared in advance for the auditor. When the auditor saw them, they stated they didn't know how to do paper statements. Further, after they left, they continued to contact the District requesting information that had been readily available to them in those boxes while they were here. Further discussion took place regarding the issues and concerns.

Dan Moynihan's recommendation is the Board members, who want to be involved, join him in a conversation with the auditor to negotiate the bill. He also recommends that the District send the contract to its attorney, Dodge Shelby, to see if we are obligated to pay this and what his legal take is on it.

Motion authorizing Rick Johnson & Dan Moynihan to schedule and have a discussion with the auditor, as well as negotiate up to and no more than \$3,500 in additional fees was made by Denise Clark and seconded by Kathy Bueno. Motion passed by Kathy Bueno, Joe Martinez, Denise Clark, George Dasko and Rick Johnson.

#### Director's Report

Most of what Dan Moynihan wants to discuss will be discussed in the Strategic Planning portion of this meeting. The only thing he currently wants to point out is the Write-Off/Hardship report that the District is now providing to the Board of Directors as part of their Board packets. There was a brief discussion about the different Write-Off's.

Our call volume is up by about 200 more calls this year than this time last year. Dan Bates did a brief review of the needs assessment meeting that he attended and gave an update on the community para-medicine idea going around the state.

## Strategic Planning

Dan Moynihan passed out the 2015 Strategic planning documents from last year for everyone to review. He then shared and discussed the accomplishments that the District has achieved so far this year. The changes with TSJC, the District's overgrown classroom and the amount of EMT's being certified in this county were discussed. There was also discussion about the improved relationships between EMS, Fire and PD. The Rescue Task Force has helped to improve those relationships.

There was a brief review of the three grants that we received this year: one for a new ambulance, one for AED's for the whole county, one for Striker stair chairs.

*New Facility* ~ We are looking for an appropriate place to put this. The pros and cons, for the different locations currently being looked at, were discussed. There was also discussion about the options of what to do with the current building. The list of current locations to investigate is as follows: Rice School, Frontier Hotel, Old Cokes Service Station, TBS, Coke Building, Mottorano Land & expansion of the current building. The goal is to develop a plan by October/November time frame that the District can vote on.

*Data Exchange/Showing Value* ~ This is an on-going thing with our current software. Until the state does something with community para-medicine, there is not much to do with this exchange. This is being removed as a goal until state changes are made.

*Critical Care Transport Training* ~ This is an investment that we need and still plan to do. This is something that will have to be done through TSJC or Pueblo Community College. This may not be accomplished this year with the Intermediate class that is being held this fall.

*Community Paramedic/Mobile Integrated Healthcare* ~ We are waiting on the state to decide what they are going to do with this. This is not something we want to be ahead of the curve on.

*National Registry Refresher* ~ This is something that we can aim for in 2016. There is just not room for this in 2015. Dave can start working on this during the summer after the Intermediate class is finished.

*In-House Paramedic Program* ~ This is a future thing that goes with the Critical Care Transport Training. We are waiting to see how the Intermediate Class goes and what the graduation rate will be.

*Training Room Upgrades* ~ This has been completed.

Looking forward, there was a discussion about the direction that Trinidad Ambulance District is going. We do not have room to do much more than we already are.

Are there opportunities that as a district, we should be looking at going forward? The economy in this town is fading. We need to try to build something that will bring health back to the economy. There was discussion about increasing our partnership with the college, increasing awareness of TAD within the group of people who do not know what this service is about and trying to get TAD into state and national publications. The discussion transitioned into what the needs of the community really are and how we can address those needs.

Next Strategic Planning Meeting will be in October around Budget meeting time.

No further questions or discussion took place.

Executive Session

No session was needed.

Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date will be Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 4:30 pm.

No further discussion.

Adjournment

Rick Johnson asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Joe Martinez made the motion to adjourn. Denise Clark seconded the motion. All yes. Meeting is adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes Approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board.

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Rick Johnson, Chair of the Board of Directors

Date