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

DATE: October 24, 2016

Present:

Joseph Martinez George Dasko Matthew Moreno Derek Navarette

*Note: George Dasko arrived at 4:30 pm

Other Guests: Dan Moynihan, EMS Chief Dave Bacharach, Deputy Chief Barbara Fisk, Executive Assistant

SUBJECT

DISCUSSION

Call to Order/Pledge

Meeting was called to order at 4:29 pm by Joseph Martinez followed by the

recitation of the of Allegiance Pledge.

Roll Call/Proof of Quorum There was a quorum with Joseph Martinez, George Dasko, Matthew Moreno and

Derek Navarette in attendance.

Proof of Notice

Notices were posted at the Trinidad Ambulance District Office, City of Trinidad, Las Animas County Sheriff's Office, and Las Animas County Court House. The Agenda was posted at Trinidad Ambulance District Office at 939 Robinson Avenue.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the September 21, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes as presented was made by George Dasko and seconded by Matthew Moreno. The motion was approved unanimously by all board members in attendance.

Motion to approve the September 21, 2016 Special Meeting minutes as presented was made by Matthew Moreno and seconded by Derek Navarette. The motion was approved unanimously by all board members in attendance.

Public Comments

None

Financial / Billing Report

Bernadette Cappellucci of Century Financial Group submitted the monthly financial report along with a written statement, "the financials appear to be consistent with the normal month-to-month income and expenditures.

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Dan Moynihan pointed out the district has \$4 million+ dollars in liquid assets in the bank. He also noted that the financial reports now reflect a distinction in Medicaid payments between CareVan and ambulance transports.

Mike Dixon is scheduled to meet with Dan Moynihan, Derek Navarette and Barbara Fisk tomorrow, October 27, 2016 at 9:00 to conduct and Exit Report on the 2015 audit.

Motion to accept the Financial Report as presented was made by George Dasko and seconded by Matthew Moreno. The motion was approved unanimously by all board members in attendance.

Director's Report

Dan Moynihan was asked to attend the Mt. San Rafael Hospital Board meeting on October 25, 2016 at 5:30. He and Joseph Martinez both attended the meeting in order to discuss the letter from Trinidad Ambulance to TAHA regarding Physician Certification Statements (Inter-Facility Transports) and the response from TAHA. *Note: Trinidad Ambulance District was satisfied with the response submitted by TAHA.

It seems the hospital board is satisfied with procedures currently in place for interfacility transport documentation on PCS forms and took affront to the ambulance district's stance on the same documentation.

It was agreed that legal counsel should review the TAHA response letter to ensure TAD is clearly not liable for any discrepancies that may arise in the future between Mt. San Rafael Hospital and Trinidad Ambulance District regarding PCS documentation.

Dan thanked George Dasko for presenting information about referendum 5B (TAD de-Brucing) at the Chamber of Commerce meeting in October. He also pointed out the articles in *The Chronicle News* October 21-23, 2016 also expounding the benefits to Las Animas County residents of a "yes" vote on 5B.

The EMS Expo in New Orleans turned out to be very beneficial to TAD. Not only did our attendees realize that TAD is operating on a very advanced level compared to bigger cities but significant money was saved in the following areas:

- TAD has a grant for \$85,000 to purchase new cots. Originally, Ferno was the desired company from which to purchase the cots but a representative couldn't come to Trinidad so the purchase was going to be made through Stryker.
 - o At the Expo, after speaking with Ferno representatives, it was arranged to make the purchase through Ferno.
 - o This saved the district approximate \$62,000.00 and it is believed a better product purchased.
- The board has already approved the purchase of a new ambulance.

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- At the Expo, after speaking with dealer representatives, it was discovered that the district could save a substantial amount of money by pre-paying for the purchase.
 - Dan will look further into the details and provide more information to the board.

Improvements to the area 911 service have been a major topic of discussion with the City, the County, the E911 Board and area emergency service providers. Dan met with Gabe Engeland, City of Trinidad City Manager, Las Animas County Sheriff Casius and Deputy Derek Navarette to discuss future management of the 911 system. He is confident that positive changes will be occurring soon including the possibility of TAD managing the system through a contract with the E911 Board.

Operations Report

Dave Bacharach noted the attached charts regarding operations for the month of September and stated that call volumes are in line with previous reports.

A mandatory employee meeting was held October 19th to in order for Dave to explain his expectations of crews. Overall, it was a very successful meeting.

The EMT class continues to have an enrollment of 10 students. Junie Verquer is bringing his high school EMR students to the next class so that they can act as patients for EMT students. This will give them experience and training for their test in June.

CPR/1st Aid instruction remains very active. For the month of October alone, over 100 people will be trained in 1st Aid.

Dave is applying for a state grant to send David DeTray to paramedic school.

Vehicle maintenance continues to be costly on the older ambulances. For two months, #3107 has a jerking problem that is elusive. #3105 has had the transmission replaced and now has a coolant leak. All others seem to be fine right now.

The new ambulance is being designed. This one will have a 550 chassis with an extended cab instead of a 450 (#1501). This will allow more room for crew members in the front of the vehicle.

Miscellaneous

Meeting dates during the holiday season were discussed. The finalized budget must be submitted by December 15, 2016 but we have to wait until after the November election to know the results of 5B (de-Brucing). We continue to have difficulty finding out what the maximum mill levy allowed is for TAD. Peach

Vigil will respond after the election. This information is needed in order to solidify the budget.

Executive Session

None

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set for <u>WEDNESDAY</u>, <u>NOVEMBER 30</u>, <u>2016</u> at 4:30pm with the <u>BUDGET HEARING SET TO FOLLOW AT 5:00 PM</u>.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matthew Moreno and seconded by Derek Navarette. The motion was approved unanimously by all board members in attendance. Meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Minutes Approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board.

Joseph Martinez, President

11-30-14 Date