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

DATE: September 21, 2016

Present:

Joseph Martinez

George Dasko Kathy Bueno Matthew Moreno Derek Navarette

Other Guests: Dan Moynihan, EMS Chief

Dave Bacharach, Deputy Chief Barbara Fisk, Executive Assistant

Bernadette Cappellucci, Century Financial Accountant

SUBJECT

DISCUSSION

Call to Order/Pledge

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Joseph Martinez followed by the

recitation of the of Allegiance Pledge.

Roll Call/Proof of Quorum There was a quorum with all board members present.

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

George Dasko pointed out an amendment to the Review de-Brucing Ballot Verbiage motion on the August 25th minutes: Motion to accept the verbiage as presented was made by Matt Moreno and seconded by George Dasko not the other

way around.

Motion to approve the August 25, 2016 minutes as amended was made by George Dasko and seconded by Kathy Bueno. The motion was approved unanimously

with Derek Navarette abstaining.

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. The 2015 audit has been completed by Dixon, Waller, & Co. Inc. and it has been turned into

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the State Auditor. The only difference I noticed with regards to the audit was the charge from Dixon, Waller, & Co. was \$4,150.00 for 2013 audit completion and \$8,500.00 for 2015 audit completion so the price to do the audit increased approximately \$3,350.00"

Dan Moynihan pointed out that TAD currently has \$4 million in liquid assets after the purchase of the East Main property for \$190,000. He noted the district has been collecting vehicle insurance information when a call involves a motor vehicle accident. Auto insurance will pay 100% vs. health insurance. Medicare will be conducting a medical COLA survey which will help reimbursement amounts for Las Animas and Huerfano Counties, La Junta and Kim, etc. There is a new bill being discussed at the state level which will require insurance companies to pay the medical provider directly vs. paying the patient/client.

Motion to accept the Financial Report as presented was made by Matt Moreno and seconded by George Dasko. The motion was approved unanimously.

Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) drafted by Spencer Fane to conduct a joint election with Las Animas County and Trinidad Ambulance District in order to de-Bruce TAD (Referendum 5B) was reviewed.

As part of the ballot process, it is necessary for TAD to compare district property owner list and voter registration list to determine property owners who are registered voters outside our special district. Once a list is compiled, the county clerk's office will mail a request for ballot and TABOR notice to those registered voters outside the special district. Being this is a labor intensive process and there are concerns about the accuracy of the list having bearing on the referendum outcome, it was suggested that Spencer Fane compile the list. They will charge \$100/hour and estimate 40 billable hours. The cost was justified due to the fact that TAD did not have to elect board members in 2016 so the \$25k set aside for that was not used.

The Resolution concerning the special election to be held November 8, 2016, coordinated with Las Animas County, was reviewed as well.

TAD will be advertising the referendum by purchasing approximately 100 yard signs, presenting information at the October 6th Chamber of Commerce meeting, advertising in the newspaper and potentially buying space on a local billboard.

A motion was made by George Dasko to accept as presented the IGA to conduct a coordinated election November 8, 2016 with Las Animas County with the intent of de-Brucing Trinidad Ambulance District (Referendum 5B) and for Spencer Fane to complete the out of district voter registration list for the referendum not to exceed a cost of \$4,000. The motion was seconded by Kathy Bueno. The motion was approved unanimously.

de-Brucing

A motion was made by Matt Moreno to accept as presented the Resolution to conduct a coordinated election November 8, 2016 with Las Animas County with the intent of de-Brucing Trinidad Ambulance District (Referendum 5B). The motion was seconded by Derek Navarette. The motion was approved unanimously.

Director's Report

Dan Moynihan noted that Dan Bates has left Trinidad Ambulance District for a new job in Idaho. He will be reimbursing TAD to cover cost of his tuition and books for classes at The George Washington University in the amount of \$15,870.04

Dave Bacharach has been appointed the new Deputy Chief. A gentleman is being interviewed to run the education program. All present complimented Dave on his handling the education program and noted how important it is to continue moving forward with the program.

Dominic "Junie" Verquer is conducting two EMR classes this year: one at Trinidad High School and one at Hoehne.

We need someone to volunteer to present information about Referendum 5B (de-Brucing TAD) at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Thursday, October 6th, 6-8:30pm. Referendums are first on the agenda. Speakers will be given 10 minutes for discussion. George Dasko offered to check his calendar to see if he's available.

The EMT class is underway with eleven students. All teaching is being done at TAD this year not at the college.

The medical contract at the Sheriff's Office is possibly available for bid. TAD will be submitting a proposal for providing services Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm and after hours.

Based on advice from legal counsel, a letter was drafted by Dan Moynihan to Trinidad Area Health Association (TAHA) to inform TAHA of irregularities on Physician Certification Statements (PCS). At the July board meeting, it was agreed that the letter be sent to the TAHA Board. The letter was delivered to Carolynn Johnson, President of the Mt. San Rafael Hospital Board of Directors. If no response is received a letter will be sent to the hospital.

Operations Report

Dave Bacharach noted the attached charts regarding operations for the month of August. He stated he was thankful for the opportunity to act as the Deputy Chief of TAD and is very excited by the challenge. He also noted that he will continue to be very active overseeing the education program so as to ensure its continued success.

Miscellaneous

It was agreed that the 2017 Budget Hearing be held in October after the regular board meeting.

Executive Session

None

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set for <u>WEDNESDAY</u>, <u>October 26</u>, <u>2016</u> at 4:30pm followed by the 2017 Budget Hearing to be held at 5:00pm.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathy Bueno and seconded by George Dasko. The motion to adjourn was carried by a unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 5:17pm.

Minutes Approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board.

Joseph Martinez, President

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