

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

***\*Public Comments registration via ZOOM.us***

DATE: May 25, 2022

Present: Kathy Bueno  
Floyd Duran, Jr.  
Nick Mattorano  
Valerie Borsa  
Clay Hart *via teleconference*

Other Attendees: Chief Gabriel Moreno, Deputy Chief David DeTray, Executive Assistant Barbara Fisk, Andres DeLeon, Debbie Anderson, Candice Welsh

**SUBJECT**

**DISCUSSION**

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Call to Order/Pledge	Meeting was called to order at 4:32pm by Kathy Bueno.
Roll Call/Proof of Quorum	There was a quorum with five (5) board members in attendance. Valerie Borsa joined the meeting at 4:42pm.
Proof of Notice	Notice was posted on Trinidad Ambulance District's website (tadems.com) and business office at 939 Robinson Avenue. The notice included invitation information for attendance via ZOOM and asked the public to register on Zoom if they were interested in participating in the Public Comments section of the agenda.
Public Comments	Debbie Anderson, President of the Board of Directors with Noah's Ark together with board member Candice Welsh presented information regarding a Bergen Spay and Alliance spay and neuter clinic in October. They require a location with temperature control, power, water, wifi, etc. and requested use of TAD's property at 13840 Hwy 350. It was explained there was currently no heat, ac, water of wifi at that location but confirmation would be sent by August.
Meeting Minutes	<p>There were no additions or corrections to the April 27, 2022 minutes as presented.</p> <p><b>Motion</b> to approve the April 27, 2022 minutes as presented was made by Nick Mattorano.</p> <p><b>Second:</b> Floyd Duran</p> <p><b>Yea:</b> Kathy Bueno, Floyd Duran, Nick Mattorano, Clay Hart</p> <p><b>Nay:</b> None</p> <p><b>Abstain:</b> None</p> <p><b>Pass:</b> The motion passed to approve the April 27, 2022 minutes as presented.</p>

### Service Recognition

*Valerie Borsa arrived*

Katherine Bueno was recognized for her years of service with Trinidad Ambulance District. She served as an interim board member on two separate occasions and was elected as a Director for two consecutive terms. Due to term limitations, this meeting will be her last serving on the Board. She commented on continued community rumors regarding the functionality of the District and wished more people would participate in community service to see the inside workings of organizations. Her belief is that the community values the services provided by the District. "Good things are happening and will continue with new board member(s) and new ideas." She stated she would always advocate for Trinidad Ambulance District.

### Financial Report

Bernadette Cappellucci of Century Financial Group prepared the April 2022 financial report with the following statement: "Cash in the bank totaled \$349,811.81 as of April 30, 2022. Revenues collected through April 30, 2022 are \$197,098.49 which is an increase of \$29,280.67 or 17.5% from last year at this same time period. Total expenses year-to-date are \$90,032.25 resulting in a net income of \$107,066.24."

Chief Gabriel Moreno pointed out the following information:

- Cash On Hand \$2,947,705
- Overall expenses are down \$129,051 from this time last year.
- Quick Med Claims continues to work all claims through a 90 day transition period. After July 31<sup>st</sup>, QMC will forward any pending items to EMSMC who officially begins billing June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Medical supplies continue to increase in cost and shortages continue.
- Fuel costs continue to climb; mid-grade \$4.74 and diesel \$5.54 as of Monday, May 23, 2022

**Motion** to approve the April 2022 financial report as presented was made by Floyd Duran.

**Second:** Nick Mattorano

**Yea:** Kathy Bueno, Floyd Duran, Nick Mattorano, Valerie Borsa  
*(Clay Hart fell off the phone call for this and subsequent votes)*

**Nay:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Pass:** The April 2022 Financial Statement was approved as presented.



**Paramedic Niccole Cordova** has completed her Field Training, thus all shifts/crews are again Advanced Life Support level.

**Colorado Emergency Preparedness Assessment.** We participated in the County's Colorado Emergency Preparedness Assessment which rates the county's preparedness level. This will be an ongoing process but appeared to be an overall good assessment.

**Emergency Vehicle Use.** TAD responded to a call for an injured hunter at Fisher's Peak State Park. The Command Vehicle and UTV were deployed both of which provided equipment shortening the call time to 3 hours instead of all day.

**Caveman Music Festival.** We participated in the Event Operations Plan/Table Top Exercise for the event scheduled for Labor Day Weekend, September 2-4, 2022. Attendance is expected up to 10,000. We will provide a minimum of three ambulances from the TAD maintained Quick Response Team fleet for each day of the event. These will be manned by TAD employees and QRTs.

**SAVVIK/AA Grant for Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Reporting.** We have been approved to participate in this data reporting process to provide information that Medicare is requesting for reporting period 2022.

**Public Relations.** Employees and Quick Response Team members participated at the Water Festival providing information on dehydration. We also had great attendance by employees at the Armed Forces Day parade wherein we had three ambulances. We barbecued for Trinidad Fire and Police Departments, Quick Response Team members, Dispatch, Las Animas County Sheriff's Department, Pinon Canyon Fire & EMS and many others for three days to celebrate EMS Week. We hosted about 30 people each day.

#### Operations & Fleet Report

Deputy Chief David DeTray reported that an TAD provided an IV class which was attended three Quick Response Team members and three employees. He also submitted the following run information for April 2022:

Requests for Service	193
Non-Transports	49
Transports	144
IFT	40
EMS1	1
EMS2	1

Inter-Facility Transfer vehicle miles 6,300 / 25,000 YTD

Miscellaneous

Barbara Fisk mentioned an article she read in a Montana newspaper about how the emergency medical service provider shortage is affecting that state. Chief Moreno noted an article on jems.com (Journal of Emergency Medical Services national publication) titled "EMS Director Pains Picture of Statewide EMS Crisis for WV Legislators" by Tribune Content Agency on May 23, 2022. He informed everyone that TAD continues to "grow our own" EMTs and Paramedics by providing EMR education in area high schools and, when the opportunity arises, sending currently employed EMTs to Paramedic school; to date, four employees have completed the program with plans of sending two more in the near future. Nationally, emergency medical agencies are poorly funded: TAD pays more than most agencies. In order to draw new employees, TAD has a built-in over time policy creating an annual, average pay rate for an EMT of \$40-45,000 up to \$70-75,000 annual average for Paramedics. In this economy, people can make a higher hourly wage at McDonalds or in the nursing field. It is difficult to retain employees from outside the local area due to the lack of things to do in Trinidad.

Les Down, legal counsel representing Trinidad Ambulance District, reporting on the progress of litigation with Mt. San Rafael Hospital (MSRH). Dan Moynihan was deposed on May 19, 2022. Deposition of John Tucker from MSRH was to take place that Friday but information from his lawyers was not provided in a timely manner so has been rescheduled. Currently a court date is set for June 28 and 29, 2022.

Next Meeting Date

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2022 at 4:30pm.

Adjournment

**Motion** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Directors was made by Nick Mattorano.

**Second:** Floyd Duran

**Yea:** Floyd Duran, Nick Mattorano, Valerie Borsa, Andres DeLeon

**Nay:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Pass:** The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:17pm.

Minutes Approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board of Directors June 22, 2022



Nicholas Mattorano, Chairperson

June 22, 2022

Date