

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD AMBULANCE
DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
****Public Comments registration via ZOOM.us***

DATE: June 22, 2022

Present : Nick Mattorano
Floyd Duran, Jr.
Valerie Borsa (teleconference)
Clay Hart
Andres DeLeon

Other
Attendees: Chief Gabriel Moreno, Deputy Chief David DeTray, Executive
Assistant Barbara Fisk, Andres

SUBJECT

DISCUSSION

Call to Order/Pledge	Meeting was called to order at 4:32pm by Nicholas Mattorano.
Roll Call/Proof of Quorum	There was a quorum with five (5) board members in attendance.
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	None
Meeting Minutes	There were no additions or corrections to the May 25, 2022 minutes as presented. Motion to approve the April 27, 2022 minutes as presented was made by Nick Mattorano. Second: Floyd Duran Yea: Nick Mattorano, Floyd Duran, Valerie Borsa, Clay Hart, Andres DeLeon Nay: None Abstain: None Pass: The motion passed to approve the May 25, 2022 minutes as presented.
Financial Report	Bernadette Cappellucci of Century Financial Group prepared the May 2022 financial report with the following statement: "The financials appear in line with the normal month to month income and expenditures. I see nothing out of the ordinary to report or anything concerning in any of the financial reporting for the month ending May 31, 2022."

Chief Gabriel Moreno pointed out the following information:

- Cash On Hand \$2,766,086
- Overall expenses are down \$65,687 from this time last year.
- Medical supplies continue to increase in cost and shortages continue. Costs are up 40% from this time last year.
- Vehicle maintenance (availability of parts) and fuel costs continue to be issues. Fuel is up \$13,004.91 or 82% from this time last year. Mid-grade is currently \$5.16 up nearly \$2.00 in one month.
(Reported May 25, 2022: mid-grade \$4.74 and diesel \$5.54 as of Monday, May 23, 2022).
- Information was received from Las Animas County Assessor Jodi Amato that OGRIS does owe back taxes from 2020 and 2021 but are making small payments to amend. Also TAD is receiving minimal taxes from the wind farm (10 in Las Animas County) north of Trinidad.

Clay Hart voiced concern about Cash On Hand dropping from last year. He was reminded the District purchased the property and building at 13840 Hwy 350 and one ambulance without grant funds. It was also explained, when looking at the monthly Balance Sheet, in order to figure the actual Cash On Hand, the County Treasurer Cash (line item 105.1) and Property Tax Receivable (line item 105.2) must be deducted from the Total Checking/Savings dollar amount. These two line items are projected for the year not actual Cash on Hand.

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

Second: Clay Hart

Yea: Nick Mattorano, Floyd Duran, Valerie Borsa, Clay Hart, Andres DeLeon

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Pass: The May 2022 Financial Statement was approved as presented.

Director's Report

Medical Director. Medical Director, Dr. Jeremy DeWall, will be here June 23, 2022 to conduct Airway Management Training.

EMS/MC Billing Company. The new billing company provides weekly reports and follow-up. Dan Moynihan is still waiting on a reply from Quick Med Claims regarding the outstanding accounts receivable due to their lack of filing in a timely manner.

USDA Loan. The loan application packet was forwarded to the national office on June 13, 2022 for approval.

Public Relations. Members of TAD participated at the following events: Stonewall Auxiliary Fishing Tournament and Spanish Peaks Volunteer Fire Department Breakfast Fundraiser. TAD is partnering with Nikki Shannon of Kim EMS to facilitate and EMR class in Branson. Employees volunteered to host a booth at Santa Fe Trail Days. Goodie bags were handed out to children along with free raffle tickets to win summer fun toys. SIMMAN, CPR Annie and Baby Annie, LUCAS, ambulance and UTV were on site providing community education opportunities.

Education. We currently have four paramedic students, two from Trinidad State Junior College and two from Pueblo Community College, doing their program required ride-alongs with us. ACLS/PALs continuing education class was offered at TAD.

Grant Updates. Administrators met with the Las Animas Board of County Commissioners on June 7, 2022 to discuss RETAC grant process. Since we are still unable to obtain a chassis within the state timeline, an extension for the CDPHE grant to remount VIN7420 (inter-facility rig) was submitted and awaiting guidance.

Training, Search and Rescue, Tactical Medics and Emergency Preparedness. Extrication training was conducted on May 31, 2022. In order to prepare for an emergency extrication, a walk-through with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Trinidad and Fishers Peak Fire Departments and TAD at the Dam Tower. Additional scenario training will take place involving all departments. TAD personnel participated in two Search and Rescue events in June. Both were successful. Chief Moreno and Deputy Chief DeTray were asked to participate as mutual aid tactical medics in Walsenburg with Pueblo Police Department SWAT.

Insurance: Open enrollment for medical insurance is September 1, 2022. At the next board meeting, the board will be asked to review and provide opinions on optional plans for employees. The current plan will only be increasing by 1.84%.

There is a new Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) program for which TAD must “opt out” of or automatically be enrolled. The plan has premiums based on salary (0.45% from employee plus 0.45% from employer) totaling 0.90%.

Chief Moreno shared a video advocating EMS designation of essential status.

https://www.ems1.com/ems-advocacy/articles/video-producers-creating-ems-documentary-to-advocate-for-essential-status-hghcXMnuSDAV3wAs/?utm_source=EMS1&utm_campaign=0493591242-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2022_06_16_06_51&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_13aebf8568-0493591242-89756904

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	196
Non-Transports	34
Transports	158
IFT	38
OnCall-Medic 3	3
OnCall-Medic 4	1

Inter-Facility Transfer vehicle miles 9,184 / 33,943 YTD

Vehicle maintenance is ongoing. Two recalls have been presented; one completed, the other will not have parts until the third quarter of 2022.

Deputy Chief DeTray shared a personal story about ambulance staffing and response times in LaVeta. Their operation is down two paramedics and one truck.

Miscellaneous

Clay Hart wanted his concern with administrators taking company vehicles home on the record. Increased fuel costs and maintenance expenses need to be watched.

Floyd Duran asked how TAD pay compares to the national average. National average wage, per salary.com, for a Paramedic is between \$41k-\$52k; for an EMT between \$34k-\$42k. TAD average salaries, based on 2021 w2s, for Paramedics was \$67,031 and EMTs \$47,520.

Next Meeting Date

Due to scheduling conflicts, the next board meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2022 at 4:30pm.

Trinidad Ambulance District
Regular Board Meeting
June 22, 2022

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Directors was made by Floyd Duran.

Second: Clay Hart

Yea: Floyd Duran, Nick Mattorano, Valerie Borsa, Andres DeLeon, Clay Hart

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Pass: The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:11pm.

Minutes Approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board of Directors July 20, 2022



Nicholas Mattorano, Chairperson

July 20, 2022

Date