

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

Date: March 22, 2023

Attendance : Floyd Duran, Jr.
Valerie Borsa (teleconference) Clay Hart
Andres DeLeon Les Downs
Barbara Fisk Tom Murphy
Chief Gabriel Moreno Deputy Chief David DeTray

SUBJECT

DISCUSSION

Call to Order/Pledge	Meeting was called to order at 4:29pm by Nick Mattorano.
Roll Call/Proof of Quorum	There was a quorum with five (5) board members in attendance. Valerie Borsa participated via teleconference.
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
Review Minutes	There were no amendments nor corrections to the February 22, 2023 minutes presented. Motion to accept the February, 2023 minutes as presented was made by Clary Hart. Second: Valerie Borsa Yea: Nick Mattorano, Floyd Duran, Clay Hart, Valerie Borsa, Andres DeLeon Nay: Abstain: Pass: The motion to accept the February 22, 2023 minutes as presented was approved.
Financial Report	Bernadette Cappellucci prepared the financial report for February 2023 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 reported for the month ending February 2023.

Chief Moreno pointed out the following information.

- Cash On Hand \$2,582,525 which is down roughly \$93,000 from the previous month. Due partially to non-billing of Medicare until March/April.
- Accounts Receivable is \$1,334,481 which is down \$192,586 from previous month.
- The medical supply shortage is slowly getting better and year to date expenses are down \$11,000.
- Fuel for February 2023 is \$11,619 which is up about \$6,000 from this time last year and prices are on the rise.
- Vehicle repairs are \$3,228.37 which is up \$3,066 from last year.
- Vehicle maintenance is \$6,021 up \$1,637 from last year.

Motion to accept the financial statement as presented was made by Floyd Duran.

Second: Clay Hart

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Pass: The February 2023 financial statement and report were accepted as presented.

Director's Report

Medical Direction. Dr. DeWall rescheduled MAAM training to March 30th due to weather.

Billing. The old accounts receivables from Quick Med Claims has now been uploaded into EMS/MC's system with invoices on those accounts being sent out next week. EMS is researching accounts that had previously established payment plans with QMC in order to reach out to them separately.

13840 Hwy 350. The City of Trinidad approved a 4" fire suppression water tap. Western Civil has provided an estimate for installation. Veltri Contracting is expected to provide final numbers by the end of March, 2023.

CDPHE Grant Updates. The 2021 grant to re-chassis 1901 (vin 7420) is still unclear. The State has not provided any information about extensions due to manufacturing delays by Ford. The 2023 grant to re-chassis 1501 (vin 9576) and purchase ballistic vests is still open. To date there is no production date nor vin assigned to a new chassis but the vests (23) have been purchase, distributed and reimbursed through grant funds.

Calendar. Many things have been happening at the District. Listed are a few of those events.

- February 24th – completed Medicaid Supplement payment desk review, awaiting audit.

- February 28th – Hosted communications meeting with Federal and State attendees. The result is that a new 800 MHz radio tower is expected to be installed at the Colorado State Patrol office location in Trinidad.
- March 6th – began inputting data into Medicare Portal.
- March 7th – participated in the Southeast/Southern RETAC communications meeting. Pulsara, a free communications app is becoming available. The app allows field providers to input data and communications viewable in real time at hospital prior to patient arrival. Data is provided via cell and Wi-Fi and includes ETA tracking.
- March 16th – attended a Medicare Webinar.
- March 21st – SCRETAC meeting, Medicare webinar and SCRETAC grant review. TAD has applied for funds to purchase 3 ZOLL monitors and 2 LUCAS devices. The grants will go to the State in May with award announcement expected in August.
- March 22nd – Demonstration of Lifepak 15 monitors attending by TAD personnel.

Operations Report

Deputy Chief DeTray noted the following statistics.

	<u>February</u>
Calls for Service	172
Inter-Facility Transfers (IFT)	23
Med 3 (on call)	2
IFT Mileage	5,212

Personnel. As of April 2, 2023 a current full-time paramedic will be switching to part-time. One current EMT is out on workers compensation. A new full-time EMT has been hired and a part-time paramedic. The District will have one BLS only car on B shift until November. At that time, two current EMTs will become paramedics.

Vehicles. We continue to operate with three rigs, two main rigs and one QRT rig. 1801 (vin 4978) is in need of a turbo, awaiting warranty information. 1701 (vin 7899) needs an engine which may happen in May. 1901 (vin 7420 grant) is expected to be completed by April with anticipation of being in service May.

Executive Session

Motion. A motion was made by Floyd Duran to recess into Executive Session per §24-6-402(4)(b) C.R.S. for the purpose of conferencing with attorney to receive legal advice regarding Trinidad Area Health Association (Mt. San Rafael Hospital) litigation and §24-6-402(4)(e) C.R.S. to determine relative to matters subject to negotiations, developing strategies for negotiations and instructing negotiators same.

Second: Clay Hart

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Pass: The motion passed to recess into Executive Session at 4:46pm. At which time Tom Murphy exited the proceedings.

Regular Session

The Board re-entered regular session at 5:25pm.

Retention of Legal Counsel

Board discussion centered on amending the current Service Plan and the best avenue for success. Chief Moreno provided information on legal counsel Kathryn G. Winn who specializes in authoring and amending service plans and presenting to Boards of County Commissioners for approval. Her firm has successfully adopted/amended 25-50 service plans.

Motion was made by Clay Hart to hire counsel from Collins, Cole, Flynn, Winn and Ulmer to amend the current Service Plan.

Second: Andres DeLeon

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Pass: The District will retain Collins, Cole, Flynn, Winn and Ulmer as legal counsel to amend its service plan and present to the Board of County Commissioners.

In addition, the Board debated filing an appeal regarding the Findings and Order filed by Judge J. Clay McKisson on November 23, 2022.

Motion was made by Floyd Duran that the District should proceed with the appeals process regarding the Findings and Order filed by Judge J. Clay McKisson on November 23, 2022.

Second: Valerie Borsa

Yea: Nick Mattorano, Floyd Duran, Valerie Borsa

Nay: Clay Hart, Andres DeLeon

Abstain:

Pass: The District will retain counsel to file an appeal regarding the Findings and Order filed by Judge J. Clay McKisson on November 23, 2022.

Miscellaneous

Sponsorship/Scholarship Program. The Board discussed creating a sponsorship/scholarship program for high school students who have obtained NREMR certification while in high school and want to further their emergency medical services education by obtaining NREMT certification. Chief Moreno, Deputy Chief DeTray and PR Dominic Verquer will work together gathering information specific to the endeavor and present to the Board at the April meeting.

Mock Accident. District personnel will be working with other area first responders to present a mock accident scenario to local high school students on April 26th.

Election. Barbara Fisk informed the Board that the May 2nd election has been cancelled due to the fact that only two nominations were received to fill three positions. Tom Murphy and Zachary Shapiro will be sworn into office at the May 24, 2023 meeting. There will be a third position open for which an appointment can be made.

Donation to Mt. San Rafael Hospital. Director Andres DeLeon approached Chief Moreno about the District donating outdated, unused equipment to Mt. San Rafael Hospital's education program. Director Clay Hart, as an instructor for MSRH education program, discussed the benefits that would be realized by students of the program. TAD has two Zoll E Series cardiac monitors and one cot which are no longer in use.

Motion was made by Floyd Duran to donate the two unused Zoll E Series cardiac monitors to MSRH's education program and one cot to the emergency room.

Second: Valerie Borsa

Yea: Nick Mattorano, Floyd Duran, Valerie Borsa

Nay:

Abstain: Clay Hart, Andres DeLeon

Pass: The District will donate two Zoll E Series cardiac monitors to MSRH's education program and one cot to the Emergency Room.

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2023 at 4:30pm.

Adjournment

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

Second: Clay Hart

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Pass: The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

Minutes Approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board of Directors March 22, 2023



Nicholas Mattorano, Chairperson

April 26, 2023

Date