

**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**TRINIDAD AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**

Attendance : Nick Mattorano, Andres DeLeon, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zachary Shapiro, Executive Director Gabe Moreno, Deputy Chief David DeTray, Interim Police Chief Mike Tihanovich, Lts. Kolakowski, Bacharach and Velasquez, Legal Counsel Les Downs, Barbara Fisk

**SUBJECT**

**DISCUSSION**

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Call to Order/Pledge	Meeting was called to order at 4:32pm by Zakk Shapiro.
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 attending the meeting.
Adoption of Agenda	<b>MOTION</b> to move Executive Session (line item 12) to line item 5 was made by Zakk Shapiro. <b>SECOND:</b> Nick Mattorano <b>YEA:</b> Nick Mattorano, Andres DeLeon, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro <b>NAY:</b> <b>ABSTAIN:</b> The motion to move Executive Session (line item 12) to line item 5 was approved.
Public Comments	None
Executive Session	<b>MOTION</b> to exit regular session and enter into Executive Session per C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b) to conference with attorney regarding TAHA vs TAD legal action was made by Zakk Shapiro. <b>SECOND:</b> Andres DeLeon <b>YEA:</b> Nick Mattorano, Andres DeLeon, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro <b>NAY:</b> <b>ABSTAIN:</b> The Board will adjourn from regular session at 4:35pm with the following in attendance: Nick Mattorano, Andres DeLeon, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro, Les Downs, Executive Director Gabe Moreno, and Deputy Chief David DeTray

**MOTION** to return to regular session was made by Zakk Shapiro.

**SECOND:** Andres DeLeon

**YEA:** Nick Mattorano, Andres DeLeon, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy,  
Zakk Shapiro

**NAY:**

**ABSTAIN:**

The Board returned to regular session at 4:49pm.

Review Minutes

**MOTION** to accept the minutes from August 23, 2023 as presented was made by Nick Mattorano.

**SECOND:** Zakk Shapiro

**YEA:** Nick Mattorano, Andres DeLeon, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy,  
Zakk Shapiro

**NAY:**

**ABSTAIN:**

The August 23, 2023 minutes were approved as presented.

Financial Statement

Bernadette Cappellucci of Century Financial Group prepared the financial report for August 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 reporting for the month ending August (31) 2023.

Chief Moreno pointed out the following information:

- Total Cash On Hand \$3,196,101 (down \$12,201 from July)
- Year To Date Net Income \$816,885.90
- Accounts Receivable \$2,808,806
- TAD received \$148,029.95 from Medicaid which is derived from 2022 data provided to Medicaid justifying supplemental ground ambulance payments.

Also noted were the following.

- Medical supply shortages continue.
- Fuel costs were down \$4,577 compared to this time last year.
- Vehicle repairs are down \$8,290 compared to this time last year.
- Vehicle maintenance is up \$10,419 from this time last year.

2024 Draft Budget

Zakk Shapiro, Joe Richards, Gabe Moreno, David DeTray, Barbara Fisk, John Velasquez, Darren Kolakowski and Angie Bacharach met prior to this meeting to prepare a 2024 draft budget for the Board's review.

**MOTION** to accept for consideration at the Budget Hearing on October 25, 2023 the 2024 draft budget was made by Nick Mattorano

**SECOND:** Joe Richards

**YEA:** Nick Mattorano, Andres DeLeon, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy,  
Zakk Shapiro

**NAY:**

**ABSTAIN:**

The 2024 draft budget, as presented, will be considered for vote at the October 25, 2023 budget hearing.

Old Business

None

New Business

**Pepperball Equipment Donation.** In 2019, TAD, through its Rescue Task Force, purchased a total of 8 pepperball guns and ammunition. At that time, six were donated to the Las Animas County Sheriff's Dept. Today, the Board was asked to consider donating the remaining two guns and ammunition to the Trinidad Police Department.

**MOTION** to donate two pepperball guns (Serial #350134917 & #350149317), ammunition and equipment to the Trinidad Police Department was made by Zakk Shapiro.

**SECOND:** Andres DeLeon

**YEA:** Andres DeLeon, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro

**NAY:**

**ABSTAIN:** Nick Mattorano

The donation of pepperball guns (Serial #350134917 & #350149317), ammunition and equipment to Trinidad Police Department was approved.

Director's Report

**Billing.** The new billing company EMS/MC (now EMS Billing) has been working the old billing company's (Quick Med Claims) accounts and has received \$4,482.

**13840 Hwy 350.** The Notice to Proceed has been received from the USDA RD and demo will begin within the next couple days.

**1501 Rechassis.** The chassis is there but Excellance's schedule doesn't allow for work to begin prior to December or January. It will be delivered to Georgia in December.

**New Supervisors.** Three new supervisory positions have been created. There will now be a supervisor on each shift. Congratulations to Lt. John Velasquez, Lt. Angelina Bacharach and Lt. Darren Kolakowski.

Operations Report

Deputy Chief DeTray noted the following statistics for the month of August 2023.

Calls for Service	196
Inter-Facility Transfers	27 (six were patient's to their homes)
IFTs Unable to Service	0
Med 3 (On Call)	3 with transports
IFT Mileage	6,254
IFT Mileage Year to Date	46,827

**Employee Info.** The District has hired 4 part-time EMTs. Liz Romero has completed her Paramedic Internship and is scheduled to test for certification. Eric Bukovak is currently working through his internship. Deputy Chief DeTray has completed the Community Paramedic Prep Course.

**Fleet.** Three of five rigs are in service. The Spanish Peaks BonCarbo Fire Protection District (Exit 23) is allowing the District to store two ambulances, one pickup and trailer with UTV at their station until construction is complete at 13840 Hwy 350.

**Conferences.** The District has received two grants for personnel to attend the Emergency Medical Services Association Colorado conference. A total of six will be attending.

Miscellaneous

**13840 Hwy 350 Financials.** The USDA RD requires an interim construction loan be established. TAD has done so with Bank of the San Juans along with a checking account for TAD construction funds. The time has come to transfer construction funds from Bank of the West to Bank of the San Juans.

**MOTION** for TAD to transfer all checking account funds from Bank of the West account number 066271438 to Bank of the San Juans account number 3300000749294 was made by Nicholas Mattorano.

**SECOND:** Joe Richards

**YEA:** Nick Mattorano, Andres DeLeon, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro

**NAY:**

**ABSTAIN:**

Construction funds will be transferred from Bank of the West account number 066271438 to Bank of the San Juans account number 3300000749294.

Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting, including budget hearing, date will be October 25, 2023.

Adjourn

**MOTION** to adjourn was made by Nicholas Mattorano.

**SECOND:** Zakk Shapiro

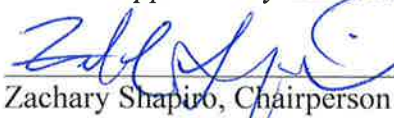
**YEA:** Nick Mattorano, Andres DeLeon, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro


**NAY:**

**ABSTAIN:**

Adjourned at 5:05pm

Minutes approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board of Directors October 25, 2023.

  
Zachary Shapiro, Chairperson

  
Date