

MONTHLY MEETING
TRINIDAD AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 24, 2024

Attendance Andres DeLeon, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zachary Shapiro,
Executive Director Gabe Moreno, Deputy Chief David DeTray, Legal Counsel Les
Downs, Barbara Fisk, Lt. Elizabeth Romero, EMTI Benjamin Gladden, PD Officer,
Kimberly Reed and Justin Riley both via Zoom

SUBJECT

DISCUSSION

Call to Order/Pledge	Meeting was called to order at 4:03pm by Zakk Shapiro.
Roll Call/Proof of Quorum	There was a quorum with three (3) board members in attendance. Andres DeLeon arrived at 4:20pm making the quorum four (4).
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	MOTION to amend the agenda by moving item #13 Miscellaneous to item #5 before Executive Session was made by Joe Richards. SECOND: Tom Murphy YEA: Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro NAY: ABSTAIN: The agenda has been approved as amended.
WSDM	Chief Moreno spoke to the Board about changing accounting services to WSDM and using Bill.com for digital review and approval of accounts payable and ACH payments which WSDM would process. WSDM also can provide election services, meeting processing and several other services. Chief Moreno asked the Board if they would have issue with using Bill.com and a digital review/approval process. All Board members were agreeable to moving forward with the change of accounting service and process. Tom Murphy requested a list of checks from the month be included with the Board Packet going forward.
Miscellaneous	Kimberly Reed and Justin Riley from Hope in the Valley, a 501c3 nonprofit, joined the meeting via Zoom to share their desire to establish a full service rehabilitation center in Trinidad. A similar program was established in Alamosa 18 months ago. They had previously spoken to the City of Trinidad Council whereat they were directed to come meet Chief Moreno and look at our building which they liked and are interested in obtaining. All Board members were open to helping in any way possible. They were reminded that the current building at 939 Robinson Ave. is a tax payer asset and destined to be sold to help balance the expense of the new facility at 13840 Hwy 350. Les Downs suggested the topic be placed

on the next agenda under Executive Session. Barbara Fisk suggested the matter of the building be a line item on the next agenda in order to be transparent with communication. Les Downs corrected the use of the word “transparent” stating that an Executive Session does provide transparency.

Executive Session

MOTION to adjourn into Executive Session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) to conference with attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice pertaining to TAHA vs TAD litigation/appeal was made by Joe Richards.

SECOND: Tom Murphy

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

The Board adjourned from Regular into Executive Session at 4:53PM

The Board adjourned from Executive Session returning the Regular Session at 5:56PM

The following stated their names as participants in the Executive Session, Gabriel Moreno, Joe Richards, Les Downs, Tom Murphy, Andres DeLeon, David DeTray and Barbara Fisk.

Joe Richards left the meeting for another obligation at 5:50pm.

Public Comments

None

Review Minutes

Review of the March 2024 minutes postponed to the May meeting for review and approval.

Financial Statement

Bernadette Cappellucci of Century Financial Group prepared the financial report for March 2024 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 March 31, 2024.”

Chief Moreno pointed out the following information:

- Total Cash On Hand as of March 31, 2024 \$2,297,781 which is up \$277,235 from February 2024.
 - February 2024 \$2,575,016 up \$555,886 from January 2024
 - January 2024 \$2,019,130 up \$363,149 from December 2023
- March Net Income \$365,184
- Concerns
 1. Colorado Democrats are looking to introduce legislation this week to reduce property tax and exempt 10% up to \$75,000 in primary residence valuation from taxation. This would mean a reduction in property tax collection and operational income for TAD.
 2. The Governor introduced a tax break in November 2023 that caused Assessed Values to decrease but promised Special Districts would receive a “backfill”. We had to amend our budget and subtract approximately \$54,000 in expenses to accommodate. We were

promised that the “backfill”, paid through Tabor Funds, would be received in March 2024. Have not received. Recent communications stated the expected release of funds is April 15, 2024. Approximate refund calculations are \$55,655 (SB22-238) and \$53,794 (SB23B-001) for a total of \$109,459.

3. The State is looking at applying taxes to stripper wells. It is expected that those wells would then be closed/sealed instead of paying the taxes as the taxes would outweigh the revenue from the wells. If this happens, TAD could lose between \$500 and \$600,000 in operational revenue.¹

MOTION to accept the March 2024 financial statements as presented was made by Tom Murphy.

SECOND: Zakk Shapiro

YEA: Andres DeLeon, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

The March 2024 financial statement was approved as presented.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Director’s Report

Medical Direction. On April 10th, Dr. Becker met with TAD administration. Our DEA license has been transferred to him as well as our advance practice waivers. We are working with him to transition to his preferred Medical Guidelines.

EMS/MC. Year to Date Net Collections for new accounts receivable is \$420,579 on top of \$7,397 from old (QMC) accounts.

Quick Med Claims (QMC) Update. None to report at this time.

USDA RD Loan / New Building Update. Floors have been sanded and polished, carpet will be installed in a few weeks. Northside office, bedrooms and living area have been painted and priming has begun on the Southside training room, hallways, boardroom, etc. The drop ceiling is also being installed.

1501 Remount Update. The buck stop bumper was delivered last week. Once installed, the truck will be released to Quality Control and we should be able to schedule for pickup in the next few weeks. Once in our possession it will go to Denver for decals. Expected in-service July.

Miscellaneous Updates. Continuing to participate in the State EMS Advocacy Call every Friday. Chief Moreno and Deputy Chief DeTray attended the National Financial Symposium and Safety Summit. Chief Moreno testified as an expert witness in front of the House Transportation,

¹ <https://tax.colorado.gov/stripper-well-exemption>

Housing and Local Government Committee in support of SB24-194. He thanked Senators Dylan Roberts and Perry Will, and Representatives Barbara McLachland and Ryan Armagost for introducing and supporting the bill. "It will allow for ambulance and fire districts to impose building impact fees and also impose a sales tax, which we cannot currently do." When Chief Moreno noted in his testimony that ambulance services were not considered essential, one of the Representative McLachland stated, "We need to fix that". The Committee passed the bill with a 10-1 vote and it was referred to the House Committee of the Whole. The bill will next be debated on the floor of the House of Representatives. It has already passed the Senate.

Operations Report

Deputy Chief DeTray provided the following statistics for the month of March 2024.

Calls for Service	189
On Call	1 with transport
EMS1	1
EMS2	0
Inter-Facility Transfers (IFT)	27 – 2 of which were to patient's home
YTD IFT	82
IFT NOT TAKEN	2 due to not meeting medical necessity
IFT Mileage	5,128
IFT Mileage YTD 2024	15,086

Deputy Chief DeTray will be providing driver training instruction which includes classroom and field training to Sheriff's Office personnel. Carrie McNally is attending a Train the Trainer driving instructor class this week in Pueblo. Three out of six fleet vehicles are now operational.

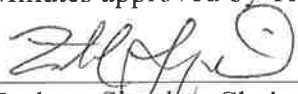
Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting, including budget hearing, date will be May 22, 2024 at 4:00pm.

Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn was made by Tom Murphy
SECOND: Zakk Shapiro
YEA: Andres DeLeon, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro
NAY:
ABSTAIN:
Adjourned at 6:19PM

Minutes approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board of Directors May 22, 2024.



Zachary Shapiro, Chairperson



Date