

MONTHLY MEETING
TRINIDAD AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 25, 2024

Attendance Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Nick Mattorano, Andres DeLeon
Executive Director Gabe Moreno, Deputy Chief David DeTray, Barbara Fisk,

SUBJECT

DISCUSSION

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| Call to Order/Pledge | Meeting was called to order at 3:57pm by Nick Mattorano. |
| Roll Call/Proof of Quorum | There was a quorum with four (4) board members in attendance. |
| Proof of Notice | Notice was posted on Trinidad Ambulance District's website (tadems.com) and business office at 13840 Hwy 350. 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 adopt the agenda as presented was made by Joe Richards. SECOND: Nick Mattorano YEA: Nick Mattorano, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Andres DeLeon NAY: ABSTAIN: The agenda has been approved as presented. |
| Public Comments | None |
| Review Minutes | MOTION to approve August 28, 2024 meeting minutes as presented was made by Joe Richards. SECOND: Andres DeLeon YEA: Nick Mattorano, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Andres DeLeon NAY: ABSTAIN: The August 28, 2024 minutes were approved as presented. |
| Financial Statement | The financial statement was presented in a different format as Sue Gonzales of WSDM prepared the financial report for August 2024. Chief Moreno pointed out the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total Cash On Hand as of August 31, 2024 \$3,871,237 (TAD \$1,296,869 plus TAD Enterprise \$2,574,368) which is up \$1,696,034 from July 2024.• August Net Income – TAD \$457,777 and TAD Enterprise \$61,719• YTD Net Income – TAD -\$417,923 and TAD Enterprise \$1,377,105<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Total YTD Net Income \$1,795,028• Today, Colorado Medicaid reimbursed the District \$201,586.61 as part of its annual review.• Concerns. The Governor has signed new property tax legislation in order to remove property tax ballot initiatives. There is uncertainty, at this time, |

how this will affect our operation but we stand to lose more tax dollars for 2026. Vehicle maintenance and repairs remain as a concern.

MOTION to accept the August 2024 financial statements as presented was made by Andres DeLeon.

SECOND: Tom Murphy

YEA: Nick Mattorano, Tom Murphy, Joe Richards, Andres DeLeon

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

The August 2024 financial statement was approved as presented.

Roof Repair Estimate

Chief Moreno present two estimates from Commercial Roofing Restoration to repair leaks to the roof at 13840 Hwy 350. These leaks were not covered by Veltri Contracting's contract with the District as the leaks are considered pre-existing not part of new construction.

Estimate #11204 encompasses the entire roof, pre-existing and new construction in the amount of \$73,800.00; Estimate #11205 encompasses only the pre-existing roof in the amount of \$49,800.00 and both estimates note a 55% deposit with 45% due upon completion.

MOTION to hire Commercial Roofing Restoration, accept Estimate #11204 encompassing the entire roof with deposit to be paid upon vendor's arrival at the building with all necessary equipment and personnel to begin the job was made by Tom Murphy.

SECOND: Joe Richards

YEA: Nick Mattorano, Tom Murphy, Joe Richards, Andres DeLeon

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

Commercial Roofing Restoration with provide work based on Estimate #11204 with down payment provided when work begins.

2025 Draft Budget

Explanation was provided for the basis of preparing the 2025 Draft Budget as presented.

MOTION to accept the 2025 Draft Budget as presented was made by Tom Murphy.

SECOND: Andres DeLeon

YEA: Nick Mattorano, Tom Murphy, Joe Richards, Andres DeLeon

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

The 2025 Draft Budget was approved.

Old Business

Body Cameras. The District had a second employee assaulted, resulting in injuries and a workers' compensation claim. The perpetrator has been charged with 2nd degree assault. Chief Moreno, already having received authority from the Board to use body cameras, is asking the Board to approve a five (5) year contract with ProVision in the amount of \$18,000. Thus saving the District \$3,600.

MOTION to contract with ProVision for five (5) years to provide body camera capability was made by Joe Richards.

SECOND: Andres DeLeon

YEA: Nick Mattorano, Tom Murphy, Joe Richards, Andres DeLeon

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

A five (5) year contract with ProVision to provide body cameras was approved.

New Business

Deputy Chief DeTray requested the Board review Chief Moreno's accomplishments during his term as Chief of the District with the intent to give him a raise beyond what his contract allows. It was decided that Zachary Shapiro and Joe Richards review the payroll item in the 2025 draft budget to see if funding is sufficient to provide a raise to Chief Moreno.

Director's Report

EMS/MC. Year to Date Net Collections \$1,041,048 plus \$10,289 on old accounts receivable.

QMC will be providing a draft settlement document.

MSRH/TAHA Appeal. Oral arguments were September 10th at 1:30pm. It may take weeks or months for a verdict.

CIHCS / Health Service District. Deputy Chief DeTray received his State Community Paramedic endorsement. The State will be calling with some final questions before submitting their recommendations to health facilities for licensure.

Miscellaneous Updates.

- Sept 2nd – staff participated in Labor Day Parade
- Sept 19th – Assisted with Stop the Bleed and SRP training
- Sept 20th – Lifepak 35 demo
- Sept 24th – EMS Supplemental Payment Training, Mandatory Employee Meeting and Training. Upper Pine River FPD prepositioned an ambulance here overnight for deployment to Florida for the hurricane. They were extremely grateful and impressed with our new station and staff hospitality. They have grant funds to training Community Paramedics so we will be in contact.
- Sept 25th – CDOT update meeting

Operations Report

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

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| Calls for Service | 235 |
| On Call | 2 (2 transported) |
| EMS1 | 0 |
| EMS2 | 0 |
| Inter-Facility Transfers (IFT) | 42, up by 6 from July, YTD highest # by 8 |
| IFT Home | 0 |
| YTD IFT | 242 |
| IFT NOT TAKEN | 0 |
| IFT Mileage-July | 8,054 YTD highest by 1,328 |
| IFT Mileage YTD 2024 | 52,302 |

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Deputy Chief DeTray noted that five out of six ambulances are in service.

Miscellaneous

Tom Murphy to provide video of 2008 sales tax vs property tax debates. Joe, in his role of Las Animas County Emergency Manager is in the process of establishing service with First Net countywide. He also reported that RAVE provides reverse 9-1-1 calls. It has a program where it will “reach out and grab” phone numbers without people having to signing up. The fee is \$4,300 per year. The County may provide \$1,000 toward the fee. Joe also reported that the TAD budget preparation meeting was very successful and a good group effort. Chief Moreno explained the reason for tomorrow’s Special Meeting is due to Spencer-Fane informing the District needs a Resolution to sell property and assign a signer. Les Downs, although not present, provided each board member with a memorandum stating with reasoning, “when you receive a group email from myself of permanent staff, or anyone of you that goes to the group, please don’t ever hit “replay all” in your response.”

Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting, including budget hearing, date will be October 23, 2024 at 4:00pm. Andres DeLeon noted that he will not be present.

Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn was made by Joe Richards

SECOND: Nick Mattorano

YEA: Nick Mattorano, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Andres DeLeon

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

Adjourned at 4:36PM

Minutes approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board of Directors October 23, 2024.



Nicholas Mattorano, Vice Chairperson