

MONTHLY MEETING & BUDGET HEARING
TRINIDAD AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 23, 2024

Attendance Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zachary Shapiro, Nick Mattorano,
Executive Director Gabe Moreno, Deputy Chief David DeTray, Barbara Fisk
Zoom Meghan Berglind, Appellate Attorney Wheeler, Trigg, O'Donnell

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>
Call to Order/Pledge	Meeting was called to order at 4:01pm by Zakk Shapiro.
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 Tom Murphy. SECOND: Joe Richards YEA: Nick Mattorano, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro NAY: ABSTAIN: The agenda has been approved as presented.
Public Comments	Meghan Berglind, Appellate Attorney with Wheeler, Trigg, O'Donnell explained the upcoming process following the Colorado Court of Appeals confirmation of the original court determination of TAHA vs TAD case. She also noted that, as a first time special district case with the court of appeals, our case is considered presidential and will be published setting standards for future special district cases. The following timeline is now in affect; 1)TAHA could request a rehearing deadline October 31 st , or 2) could file a petition for discretionary review with the supreme court by November 29 th .
Review Minutes	MOTION to approve the September 25 & 26, 2024 meeting minutes as presented was made by Tom Murphy. SECOND: Nick Mattorano YEA: Nick Mattorano, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro NAY: ABSTAIN: Zakk Shapiro abstained from voting on the September 25 meeting The September 25, 2024 minutes were approved as presented with Zakk Shapiro abstaining. The September 26, 2024 minutes were approved by four attending members.

Financial Statement

The September financial statement was prepared by Sue Gonzales of WSDM and presented by Chief Moreno who pointed out the following information:

- Total Cash On Hand as of September 30, 2024 \$3,897,070 (TAD \$1,494,789 and TAD Enterprise \$2,402, 281) which is up \$25,833 from August 2024.
- September Net Income – TAD \$-5,581 and TAD Enterprise \$165,135
- YTD Net Income – TAD -\$382,136 and TAD Enterprise \$1,540,398 for a total of \$1,922,534
- Overall, Chief Moreno is comfortable with the financial standing of TAD.
- Concerns
 1. IV solution shortage requires monthly allocation orders of 3 cases per month regardless of need. Discussed what, if anything, could be done with any stock overage.
 2. Soft plastic items must be ordered in bulk in advance of need due to dock strike causing warehouse depletion.
 3. Cost of vehicle maintenance and repairs continue to be of concern.

MOTION to accept the September 2024 financial statements as presented was made by Nick Mattorano.

SECOND: Joe Richards

YEA: Nick Mattorano, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro, Joe Richards

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

The September 2024 financial statement was approved as presented.

Review 2025 Budget

Legal counsel, Lisa Mayers of Spencer-Fane, required the District to separate its day to day expenses and revenues from that of the Transportation Enterprise. Those changes were presented to the board. **MOTION** was made by Joe Richards to accept the 2025 revised budget as presented.

SECOND: Tom Murphy

YEA: Nick Mattorano, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro, Joe Richards

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

The revised 2025 budget was approved as presented.

Budget Resolutions

MOTION to approve the 2025 budget resolutions presented to adopt, appropriate sums of money and amend, if necessary was made by Tom Murphy.

SECOND: Nick Mattorano

YEA: Nick Mattorano, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro, Joe Richards

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

The 2025 budget resolutions presented to adopt, appropriate sums of money and amend, if necessary, were approved.

Old Business

The Board inquired about injured employee(s) and offered help in any way

to them. When asked about body camera use, Chief Moreno told the Board there will be trainings on October 25 and 29 with anticipated roll out on November 1.

The District can't add a tax question on the May election ballot. More research will be done and the topic was tabled until January.

New Business

In addition to participating in the local Halloween "parade", the District will also be at the college Trunk Or Treat and is hosting a Halloween Open House on October 31 from 6-8.

Director's Report

Medical Direction. There will be guideline updates in December.

EMS/MC. Year to Date Net Collections \$1,082,016 plus \$10,891 on old accounts receivable.

QMC deliberations have concluded and a check in the amount of \$25,809 has been received from Quick Med Claims. The funds will be used to provide bonuses to employees prior to Thanksgiving.

Sale of 939 Robinson Ave. The timeline list is being complete and buyer's inspection was completed today.

TAHA (MSRH) Appeal. Concluded. We won.

CIHCS/HSD. The District has received it's CIHCS license and 4 paramedics are currently completing their Community Paramedic course.

Miscellaneous Updates.

- Oct 8 – CO Whole Blood Coalition is still working through the pilot program. Product storage and disbursement to rural areas remain unsolved.
- Oct 15 – Life Pak demonstration held, grant submitted, comparing to ZOLL product in the field.
- Oct 17 & 18 – Chief and Deputy Chief attended the EMS Financial Symposium and were very pleased with learned information.
- Oct 23 – Custer County EMS lost one of their Paramedics in a car accident on his way to work. We sent a crew and rig over today to backfill while their entire staff attends a Critical Incident Stress Debrief.

Operations Report

Deputy Chief DeTray, attending via Zoom, provided the following statistics for the month of July 2024.

Calls for Service	206 down 30 from August
On Call	3 (3 transported)
On Call 2	1 (1 transported) + 2 standby events
EMS1	0
EMS2	0
Inter-Facility Transfers (IFT)	25
IFT NOT TAKEN	1 ALS trip but BLS crew only
IFT Home	0
YTD IFT	267
IFT Mileage-September	4,593
IFT Mileage YTD 2024	56,895

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Deputy Chief DeTray noted that one employee is out on workers' compensation and five out of six ambulances are in service.

Miscellaneous

The Board discussed a time when the District may reach out to TAHA/MSRH to move forward with mending relations. Deputy Chief DeTray stated that last several ER trauma meetings have been productive. Chief Moreno noted there is a new ER Medical Director.

The District is planning a Christmas celebration on December 7th

Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting will be DECEMBER 11, 2024 at 4:00pm.

Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn was made by Joe Richards

SECOND: Tom Murphy

YEA: Nick Mattorano, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

Adjourned at 4:52pm

Minutes approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board of Directors December 11, 2024.



Zachary Shapiro, Chairperson