



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

ROCKWALL HISTORIC COURTHOUSE 101 EAST RUSK ROCKWALL, TEXAS 75087 972-882-2840

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 22, 2013 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

**Barry Brooks
Lorie Grinnan
Doug Phillips
Cliff Sevier
Dennis Lewis
Janet Nichol
David Sweet**

Board Members Absent:

**Bill Broderick
Steve Hatfield
Dana Lawson**

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

1. Call to order

Lorie Grinnan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Introduction of any newly appointed board members

Indication was given that Rowlett plans to take action on a board member appointment mid-June, and Rockwall just reappointed both Mayor David Sweet and Councilmember Dennis Lewis to continue service on the ESC Board. No new board members were introduced at this time.

3. Discuss / act on approval of the minutes from the March 27, 2013 board meeting

Cliff Sevier made a motion to approve the minutes. Doug Phillips seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present.

4. Discuss / act on ES Corporation Treasurer's Reports

David Peek, treasurer for the board, reported on recent bank statements and indicated that all entities are up-to-date on making payments due to the Corporation at this time.

5. Discuss / act on engagement letter between the ES Corp. and Rutherford, Taylor & Company, P.C. for conducting the FY2012 audit of the ES Corporation

Mr. Peek recommended to the board that they consider executing an engagement letter with Rutherford, Taylor & Company, P.C. for the FY2012 audit of the corporation. He explained that

51 an annual audit is considered due diligence with regards to the corporation's finances. He
52 indicated it would be one to two months before the audit would be complete and a report
53 delivered to the corporation.
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55 Doug Phillips made a motion to accept the engagement letter and authorize the President of
56 the Board, Lorie Grinnan, to execute the letter. Cliff Sevier seconded the motion, which
57 passed unanimously of those present.
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59 6. Discuss / act on Emergency Management Program reports
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61 Joe DeLane, County Emergency Management Coordinator, came forth to brief the board on
62 recent emergency management related activities. He stated that the county did a 'low level'
63 activation of their Emergency Operations Center (EOC) yesterday to monitor the storms in the
64 area. Over 4,300 people have signed up to receive NIXLE emergency notification alerts, and
65 traffic has increased on the county's emergency management related social media sites. Mr.
66 DeLane indicated that he will be assisting another county in July with a tabletop exercise as a
67 way to learn more and gain more experience. February is slated for a full-scale, mock exercise
68 with emergency response personnel in the county and with Rockwall ISD. He indicated that he
69 has been assisting with Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training as well.
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71 The board took no action related to this agenda item.
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73 7. Discuss / act on attendance, the need for RSVPs, a quorum and possible alternative meeting
74 dates and times
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76 Lorie Grinnan briefed the board on this agenda item, providing indication that attendance on
77 the board has been concerning, sometimes resulting in the need to cancel a board meeting 'at
78 the last minute.' She encouraged members to honor their commitments by attending
79 scheduled meetings, and if they are unable to attend, to consider having their governing body
80 appoint a different representative to serve. It was agreed to leave existing meeting dates/times
81 as they are for now. No formal action was taken related to this agenda item.
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83 8. Adjournment
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85 The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.
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89 **AMBULANCE SERVICES BOARD MEETING**
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91 **Board Members Present:**

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93 **Barry Brooks**
94 **Lorie Grinnan**
95 **Cliff Sevier**
96 **Dennis Lewis**
97 **Janet Nichol**
98 **David Sweet**
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91 **Board Members Absent:**

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93 **Bill Broderick**
94 **Steve Hatfield**
95 **Dana Lawson**

100 1. Call to order
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102 **Lorie Grinnan, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:24 p.m.**
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104 2. President's report - Update on technical subcommittee to review EMS contract

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106 Grinnan explained that the existing contract for ambulance service between the Corporation
107 and Medic Rescue runs through August of 2014. She has asked member entities to review the
108 existing contract and provide her with feedback regarding any areas of concern or potential
109 desired modifications. She is awaiting responses back from Heath and Rockwall. She
110 explained that Steve Athey, board (EMS) consultant will be heavily involved with evaluating the
111 current contract and any proposed changes. Grinnan indicated that she plans to distribute the
112 comments received to each of the other entities. The board took no action related to this
113 agenda item.

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116 3. Discussion regarding Medic Rescue Quality Assurance inquiries

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118 Regarding quality assurance, Grinnan indicated that there has recently been concern
119 expressed regarding an ability to communicate in a smooth, efficient manner due to different,
120 separate dispatch centers and different radio communication systems among countywide
121 emergency response agencies. She stated that the ES Corporation may be asked to get
122 involved in exploring the possibility of a countywide, joint dispatch communication system.
123 The board took no action related to this topic at this time.

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125 4. Discuss / act on reports from Medic Rescue regarding EMS contract compliance and all
126 related issues Mitch Ownby of Medic Rescue came forth and briefed the board on his
127 monthly reports, including recent continuing education training, involvement in
128 community events, response times and billing/collections. Regarding recent concerns
129 expressed related to air versus ground EMS transport, Mr. Ownby indicated that in
130 about 1998, ground ambulance transport began to be quite comparable to air
131 (helicopter) transport. He stated that ground transport provides what is, in a lot of
132 cases, a smoother, safer ride at a cost eight to ten times lower than air transport. He
133 indicated that EMS helicopters make up about 5% of the industry but are responsible
134 for about 50% of the deaths because they are more dangerous than ground transport.

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136 No action was taken by the board concerning this item.

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138 5. Adjournment

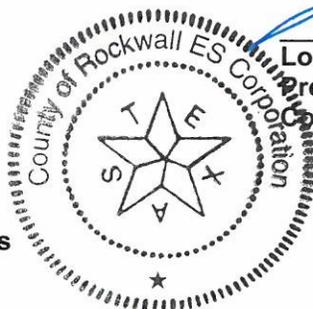
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140 The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

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143 PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF
144 ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION on this the 24th day of July, 2013.

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152 Kristy Ashberry
153 Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors
154 County of Rockwall ESC



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147 Lorie Grinnan
148 President, Board of Directors
149 County of Rockwall ESC