## MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16, 2021 PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL MEETING HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46

A special Meeting was duly called of **HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46,** which was held on August 16, 2021, at the Offices of the District at the Atascocita Fire Department Headquarters Building located at 18425 Timber Forest Drive, Humble, Texas 77346.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by **TOM TRUVER**, President. Those Commissioners present were **TOM TRUVER**, **RON CLARKE**, **BUDDY RICE** and **JOHN BOLLOM**. Commissioner **JOHN COYLE** joined the meeting via teleconference, but did not participate in any vote related to the tax setting process. Chief of Department Mike Mulligan, Assistant Chief of EMS Sean Conley, Assistant Chief of Operations Jonathan Campos, Director of ITC & Operations Support Mike Wassell, Director of Human Resources and Finance Mary Anne Sokol, District Counsel, Mr. Ira Coveler of Coveler & Peeler, P.C., Ricardo Martinez of Martinez Architects and Alberta Balderas of ESD Tax Management Services were also in attendance.

The Board proceeded to item 2, to receive public comment and conduct the public hearing/open forum to allow interested parties to address the Board of Commissioners and be heard regarding the proposed property tax rate setting. The Board opened the floor to public comment. No members of the public attended the meeting, so the Board received no feedback or commentary from the public.

Board next reviewed the proposed District 2022 budget. After review, a Motion was made by Mr. **BOLLOM**, seconded by Mr. **RICE** to adopt the District 2022 budget as presented. After discussion, Commissioner **TRUVER** called for a vote and the Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Mr. Coveler next reviewed the District's 2021 Tax Rate Scenarios with the Board and other persons present at the meeting. Following Mr. Coveler's presentation, the Board again asked for public comment or if anyone wanted to speak before the Board concluded the tax setting process for 2021. The Board next concluded the Public Hearing on Tax Increase and moved to the next item on the District's agenda.

The Board next addressed the adoption of the District's 2021 tax rate. After review, a Motion was made by Mr. **RICE**, seconded by Mr. **BOLLOM** to adopt a rate of \$.10/\$100 as the District's 2021 tax rate. After discussion, Commissioner **TRUVER** called for a vote and the Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Mr. Coveler noted that the tax rate adopted is less than the District's *De minimis* Tax Rate as calculated by the Harris County Tax Assessors Collector's Office.

Mr. Coveler also noted for the Board that the District's Tax Rate Resolution reflected that "this tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate" and that "this tax rate will effectively be raised by 7.16 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$6.68." Notwithstanding the foregoing, the

District adopted the same tax rate \$.10/\$100 tax rate that it did in 2020 and did NOT raise the District's tax rate for 2021.

The Board then addressed item 6, cancelation of the District's tax rate election. A Motion was made by Mr. **BOLLOM**, seconded by Mr. **RICE** to cancel the District's tax rate election. After discussion, Commissioner **TRUVER** called for a vote and the Motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were passed and approved by the Board of Commissioners on October 18, 2021.

Buddy Rice

Secretary of the Board