

MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2023 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 July 17, 2023 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 7:45 p.m., by **TOM TRUVER**, President. Those Commissioners present were **TOM TRUVER**, **JOHN BOLLOM**, **JAMES CONE** **RON CLARKE**, and **BUDDY RICE**. Chief of Department Mike Mulligan, 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., Melissa Wiggins of Coveler & Peeler, P.C., Ricardo Martinez of Martinez Architects, and members of the public and Department were also in attendance.

The Board reviewed the District's proposed 2024 Budget. Commissioner **CLARKE** made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner **CONE** to propose the District's 2024 budget. Thereafter, President **TRUVER** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

The Board then discussed the District's proposed 2023 Tax Rate. Mr. Coveler advised the Board that information from the Harris County tax office was not yet available to formally set the new year's tax rate, but recommended the rate be proposed at the maximum ten cents (\$0.10). Once more information was available, a special meeting would be held and a public hearing on the matter, before formally adopting the rate for 2023. He also advised scheduling the hearing and 2023 tax rate adoption for the District's regular meeting date of August 21, 2023. If it became necessary to hold an election, Mr. Coveler informed the Board the deadline for calling that election would be August 21, 2023, and that consideration should be paid to both the potential costs of that election and the possible loss of revenue to the District if the new tax rate was not accepted.

Chief Mulligan then advised the Board that the proposed budget was created based on the "de minimis tax rate" allowing an additional \$500,000 of revenue to be available to the District and allowing for a conservative estimate of available revenues for the new year. After review, Commissioner **RICE** made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner **CONE** to propose a tax rate of ten cents (\$0.10) for 2023. Thereafter, President **TRUVER** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

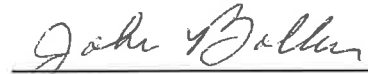
The Board next scheduled a public hearing regarding the District's 2023 tax rate, and confirmed the date of the meeting to adopt that rate. After review, Commissioner **RICE** made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner **CONE** to propose August 21, 2023 as the date for the District's 2023 tax rate hearing, and adoption. Thereafter, President **TRUVER** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

The Board then moved to authorize District counsel to publish the necessary 2023 Tax Rate setting notices. After review, Commissioner **RICE** made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner **CONE** to authorize Coveler & Peeler, PC to publish any necessary notices related to the 2023 Tax Rate setting process. Thereafter, President **TRUVER** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

The Board next discussed matters relating to the election to be held on November 7, 2023. After review, Commissioner **RICE** made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner **CONE** to order an election for November 7, 2023, to contract with the Harris County Elections Office, to hold that election jointly with other jurisdictions. Thereafter, President **TRUVER** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

There being no further business brought before the Board, President **TRUVER** adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were passed and approved by the Board of Commissioners on August 21, 2023.



JOHN BOLLUM
District Secretary of the Board