

Meeting Minutes
Harris County Emergency Services District No. 7

The Board of Commissioners of **HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7** held a special meeting on **August 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** at the following location in the District, **Spring Fire Department Administration Building, 656 East Louetta Road, Spring, Texas 77373.**

Melanie Gander	President	(Present)
Gayle Fuller	Vice-President	(Present)
Keith Willingham	Secretary	(Present)
David Mills	Treasurer	(Absent)
Bob Schmanski	Assistant Treasurer	(Present)

Also in attendance:

Scott Seifert, Fire Chief, Spring Fire Department
John Peeler, Coveler & Peeler, District Legal Counsel
Jennifer Almonte from Harris County Precinct 3 Commissioner's Office
Greg Duchow from Harris County Precinct 3 Commissioner's Office
Shannon Taylor Administrative Specialist

1. Call meeting to order.

Commissioner Melanie Gander called the meeting to **ORDER** at 6:43 PM.

2. To receive public comment.

No public comments were offered.

3. To meet in Closed Session under Gov't Code §551.071 to consult with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or on matters which require confidentiality under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas.

The Board did not meet in closed session.

4. To review and act on an interlocal agreement(s) with Harris County for the temporary use of undeveloped District property by Harris County.

Ms. Almonte presented the request from County Commissioner Ramsey's office to have the District enter into a short term agreement with the County to allow a small portion of the District's 62 acres on Lexington to be used temporarily by the County and its contractor for the disposal of tree debris waste which resulted from Hurricane Beryl. Ms. Almonte explained since the contractor has a limited number of trucks that can haul the tree debris, making long drives to other facilities to drop the debris for eventual mulching, severely decreases the rate of debris clean up possible. She noted that the tree debris clean up efforts managed within Precinct 3 could occur much more efficiently if there was a location in the Precinct where the trucks could deposit the tree debris until such time as it would be mulched and hauled off for permanent disposal in September. The Board generally discussed the benefit to the District's residents of a quicker clean up of the tree debris, including decreased risk of fires and safer streets, and how there would be no cost to the District in assisting the County in these efforts. District legal counsel noted that Government Code chapter 791 allows the District to enter into interlocal agreements with other government agencies, such as Harris County, to accomplish governmental functions, such as public safety and waste disposal.

After presentation by Ms. Almonte, motion by Commissioner Willingham and second by Commissioner Gander to enter into an interlocal agreement with Harris County as requested by Precinct 3 and authorize the District officers to execute the final agreement as soon as it is approved by legal counsel. Motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

5. Adjournment.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.


District


Shannon Taylor, Preparer