NUECES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 4

MINUTES of the meeting held MAY 13, 2026

The Commissioners of the Nueces County Emergency Services District no. 4 held a regular meeting on **MAY 13, 2026, Wednesday at 8:00 AM**, in the conference room, 5781 FM 666, Fire Station No. 1, Robstown, Texas:

The minutes are as follows:

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.

   The presiding officer called the meeting of the Nueces County Emergency Services District No. 4 to order at 8:00 AM. Let the record show that a quorum of the Board Members was present; that the meeting has been duly called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

   Commissioners present –Kathy Wimberly, Geoff Atwood, and Otis Grupe.
   Absent – Alton Koenning, and Paul Swetish.
   Quorum established.

   Others present – Ernest Garza of the firm Ernest R, Garza & Co PC, Fire Chief Michael Clack, EMS Director Stephanie Simmons, NCESD#4 Fire personnel Oscar Zepeda, and District legal counsel John Peeler (remotely).

2. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Public Comment.

   Barbara Jones expressed concern that the District's meeting minutes over the last few months were not posted on the District website. She also stated her opinion that the way the Board operated overall was insufficient.

3. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

   A. To approve the February 18, 2026 Regular board meeting minutes.
      i. A motion was made by Commissioner Wimberly, seconded by Commissioner Grupe, to approve the February 18, 2026, meeting minutes. With a vote of 3 to 0, the motion carried.

   B. To approve the March 11, 2026, regular board meeting minutes.
      i. A motion was made by Commissioner Wimberly, seconded by Commissioner Grupe, to approve the March 11, 2026, meeting minutes. With a vote of 3 to 0, the motion carried.

   C. To approve the April 8, 2026, regular board meeting minutes.
      i. A motion was made by Commissioner Wimberly, seconded by Commissioner Grupe, to approve the April 8, 2026, meeting minutes. With a vote of 3 to 0, the motion carried.

D. To approve the disbursements and/or pre-paids from April 8, 2026, to May 14, 2026.
   i. Mr. Garza presented the disbursements. EMS expenditures were \$48,641.86, Fire expenditures were \$5,789.59 and the General Account expenditures were \$1,225,636.07. There were several large expenditures for the tanker truck at \$500,700 and construction draw payment to Marshall Company at \$659,561.25. Various questions were asked, and answered, regarding the expenditures. A motion was made by Commissioner Grupe, seconded by Commissioner Wimberly, to approve the April 8, 2026 to May 13, 2026 disbursements and/or pre-paids. With a vote of 3 to 0, the motion carried.

E. To approve the April 30, 2026, financial statements.
   i. Mr. Garza reported the monthly financials noting: the General fund had cash of \$6,749,402, which was \$3,333,536 more than last year's General fund cash of \$3,266,433. The I&S cash was \$279,029 and the Capital Projects reported cash of \$2,627,690. General Fund revenue for the seven months ending April 30, 2026, were \$3,452,729 which is up \$1,998,744 from the prior year, sales tax is at \$1,561,395 and was \$1,323,814 from the prior year. General Fund expenditures were \$1,356,539 for a net revenue over expenditures of \$2,096,190.
   Commissioner Atwood asked for a general ledger of the sales tax. Mr. Garza noted he would provide that. A motion was made by Commissioner Wimberly, seconded by Commissioner Grupe, to approve the April 30, 2026, financial statements. With a vote of 3 to 0, the motion carried.

4. <u>DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION</u>: Open a Capital Projects Checking Account with Frost Bank.

   This was completed in February 2026. There was no discussion or action on this item.

5. <u>DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION</u>: Update on Banquete No. 43 Fire Station.

   Chief Clack presented information on the project noting: there were minor delays, about a week, due to the rain. He noted they are clearing the rest of the property, and the drain ditches were cut. The slab pour is scheduled for May 15th – 18th but may have some delay. Chief Clack met with the Engineers on the water line plans with permits being sublitte4d soon. He discussed the plan for the water line as well. He said everything is generally on schedule with a January 2027 completion date. He also noted that they slab and clay take time to dry, so they are working on digging for beams. He also discussed the old well near the site as a backup plan.

6. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Executive Session 551.074.

   There was no Executive Session held.

7. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Salary and Benefits.

   Chief Clack noted he is still working on the Budget and waiting for final valuations.

8. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: New equipment for New Tanker.

   Chief Clack stated that the truck came in early and now they need to order equipment, but not SCBA quite yet. He is coordinating with other ESD's on SCBA uniformity and will need four (4) SCBA units for the new truck at approximately $10,000 per pack and extra bottles. New SCBA standards came out and the ESD is reviewing. Chief Clack also noted that they are ordering thermal imaging equipment for the trucks per ISO guidelines, as they help detect heavy heat during a fire. He also noted that the new Tanker will be equipped like an Engine. There was no action on this item.

9. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Fire Chief's report. A) Public relations, B) Training C). Station/equipment status D). Fire calls.

   Chief Clack noted that Station 1 needs some base put at the driveway entrance and some dirt work around the new covered patio. Brush 42 is out of service due to suspension issues and Brush 43 needs work on the pump. He noted that the new tanker has been delivered and after equipment has been ordered and truck is loaded with equipment and hose, they will move it to Station 43. There are no membership changes, but he is pleased with the training. Station 43 was making progress before the rain over the last two weekends and they are supposed to pour the slab sometime between the 15th through 18th, but it may be May 25th through 29th if we get any more rain.

10. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Adjournment.

    A motion was made by Commissioner Grupe, seconded by Commissioner Wimberly, to adjourn the meeting. With a vote of 3 to 0, the motion caried.

    Meeting closed at 8:32 a.m.

    Commissioner

Signature   Date

6/17/26