

Minutes for Strategic Planning Session
Falls County Emergency Services District No.1
Marlin Volunteer Fire Department
3172 State Hwy 6 N
Marlin, Texas 76661
May 23, 2024

On May 23, 2024, the Falls County Emergency Services District No. 1 (FCESD1) held a special meeting to discuss strategic planning for the district and included input from partners and stakeholders in the procurement and provision of emergency services in Eastern Falls County as defined by the boundaries for the FCESD1.

The special meeting was attended by FCESD1 commissioners and Marlin Volunteer Fire Department personnel.

1. Meeting called to order by President Bill Range at 5:35 p.m.

Discussed were the following:

i. Current State of FCESD1:

- a. Currently provides 24-hour ambulance services contracted through City Ambulance on 1 year contract agreement and in concert with FCESD 2 & 3 to provide two (2) 24-hour ambulances for Falls County.
 - i. The FCESD1 ambulance resides at Falls Community Hospital in a housing agreement paid for by FCESD1 to allow City Ambulance crews a place to operate and respond from that provides 24-hour access to the crew during times that they are not engaged in providing emergency medical response.
 - ii. Current total contract cost incurred by FCESD1 is estimated at \$650,000.00 annually plus housing costs.
- b. FCESD1 currently contracts with PHI Aeromedical to be the preferred provider of air ambulance services to FCESD1 for an annual fee of \$25,000.00.
- c. FCESD1 Partners with Marlin VFD to provide fire and first response personnel in coverage area and commits current amount of \$25,000.00 per year to support the Marlin VFD in the provision of emergency fire and first responder services.
 - i. MVFD has responsibility for the additional areas of Perry and Reagan. MVFD has previously completed the process to absorb Perry VFD into the MVFD organization and is currently in the process of absorbing Reagan VFD as well. Upon completion of this, MVFD will be solely responsible for the provision of fire and first responder efforts throughout the FCESD1 coverage area.

ii. Future Plan for Fire:

- a. MVFD will take ownership of and be responsible for the provision of fire and first response for the entire FCESD1 coverage area.
- b. FCESD1 will explore opportunities to provide additional funding for MVFD to effect sufficient ongoing training and development for its personnel, as well as

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allocation for operational cost assistance (i.e.: fuel, insurance, upkeep and maintenance).

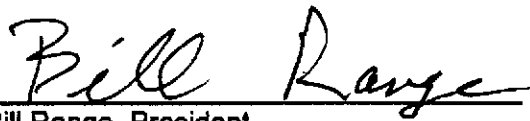
iii. Future Plan for EMS:

a. Review and fund EMS provision for the FCESD1 coverage area.


i. Provision of emergency medical services through FCESD1 owned assets and personnel.

1. Exploration of cost benefit for the acquisition of district owned and maintained assets and equipment.
2. Exploration of cost benefit for contracted personnel with Robertson County EMS or similar non-profit, to drive most economical option for personnel for 5-year plan.
3. Exploration of district employees to provide EMS coverage with district owned assets.
4. Exploration of partnership expansion with MVFD to include the potential cost benefit of constructing an EMS station on MVFD property for housing of assets and personnel.
5. Exploration of debt service to effect long-term provision of EMS services to acquire assets and personnel.
6. Long-term outlook in the tri-county area for partnering for all of the above.

2. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



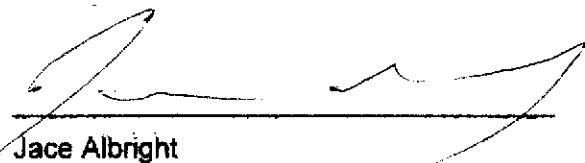
Bill Range, President



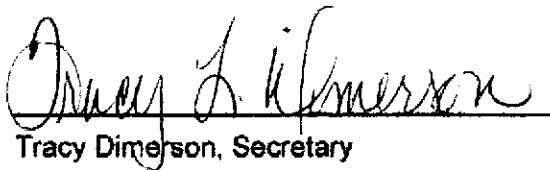
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