

## **Hanson & Davison Ambulance District Meeting Notes**

Meeting Date: 6/26/2025

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting Location: City of Mitchell First Station Meeting Room

Board Members Present: Kyle Baker, John Millan, and Sara Jorgensen from Davison County; Don Huber, Heidi Berg, and Brian Leitheiser from Hanson County; and Jared Nesheim in the at-large seat.

Guest Attendance: Jim Davies, Justin Schoenrock, Gary Schoenrock, Andrew Shank, Mac Young, Marshall Mitchell

The Hanson and Davison Ambulance District meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025—all elected board members present.

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**Meeting Agenda:** John Milan moved to approve the meeting agenda for the Hanson and Davison Ambulance District meeting held on June 26, 2025. The motion was seconded by Jared Nesheim. The motion carried.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Brian Leitheiser moved to approve the minutes of the Hanson and Davison Ambulance District Meeting held on June 23rd, 2025. The motion was seconded by Jared Nesheim. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Bond and E&O Insurance:** Don Huber reported insurance premium estimates provided by Wenande Insurance Agency, LLC, Alexandria, South Dakota. Motion made by Kyle Baker to approve the purchase of an Errors and Omissions (E&O) insurance policy with \$3,000,000 in coverage at an annual premium of \$818.13, and a Treasurer's Bond in the amount of \$50,000 at an annual premium of \$257.00. Motion seconded by Sara Jorgensen. Motion carried.

**Banking Line of Credit:** The Board discussed the need for a small line of credit to cover expenses until tax revenue is received in 2026. Motion made by Heidi Berg to authorize securing a line of credit in the amount of \$5,000 from Security State Bank in Alexandria, SD. Motion seconded by John Millan. Motion carried.

**Collections:** The board discussed the collection of funds to cover the cost of the City of Mitchell EMT contract for rural emergency medical services for 2026. The board presented Resolution #25-01. It was moved by Sara Jorgensen and seconded by Brian Leitheiser that the following resolution be adopted: RESOLUTION # 25-01

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the “Davison-Hanson Ambulance District” that the district finds and determines the following:

A. That the income producing (taxation method) means for supporting the ambulance district will be done by special assessment on properties within the district;

B. That the property which will be assessed with the special assessments receives the following unique benefits from the district: 1. Ambulance services are a healthcare medical service for the people in need thereof; 2. The residences and businesses within the district are the properties that have the largest numbers of people frequenting them and using them; 3. Non-business and non-residential properties have a significantly less frequent anticipated need for medical services; 4. Ambulance responses will be to assist people, not property; 5. A special assessment paid by the businesses and the residential locations is the best way for the district to apportion the cost of the ambulance service in direct relationship to the services that will be provided within the guidelines and requirements of South Dakota law and covering where services will most frequently be needed; 6. The board finds that the special assessment considers the character of increase services provided; 7. The board finds that the special assessment considers the situation in which the services are provided; 8. The board finds that the special assessment considers the condition and situation of the surrounding properties; 9. The board finds that the benefits are local to each property; and 10. The board finds that the value of calls to the property assigned for special assessments exceeds the value of the calls to other properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special assessment properties will be assessed a cost of \$245.70 each as their portion of the fees to be paid for the ambulance healthcare services to be provided under the contract. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a complete listing of the properties subject to the special assessment will be kept in the office of the district located at 720 5<sup>th</sup> St. Alexandria, SD 57311, in the office of the Hanson County Auditor at the Hanson County courthouse where it will be available for viewing during normal business hours.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a listing of the properties referred to herein will be posted on the district’s website tabs at the Davison County website at: <https://www.davisoncounty.org> and at the Hanson County website at <https://www.hansoncountysd.gov/> , where it will also be available for public viewing.

JUSTIFICATION FOR RESOLUTION: a. This process directs the costs of the district to the sources of the most benefit therefrom. b. This process maintains the fiscal responsibility status of the district. c. This process maintains equity in the taxing processes for support of the district. d. This means and processes in the best interest of the citizens, residence and taxpayers of Davison and Hanson County to provide a means to support this district. Votes for: 7 Votes against: 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Sara Jorgensen and seconded by Kyle Baker for the Board to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried. The Board entered executive session at 7:06 PM and returned to regular session at 7:18 PM.

**Next Meetings:** The Board discussed the need to hold a meeting in the fall. The fall meeting date will be determined at a later time. Motion made by Sara Jorgensen and seconded by Kyle Baker to schedule the next meeting for December 9th at 7:00 PM at the Alexandria Courthouse. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Brian Leitheiser moved, seconded by Jared Nesheim, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.