

**HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Date: March 25, 2024

Agenda Item: L.5

Board Goal: Community Relations

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority

Administrator Responsible/Position: Jeri Skrocki, Chief Safety and Security Officer

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

Action needed Information only Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

Local Policy Law or Rule N/A

C. Goal or Need Addressed:

The purpose of the agenda item is to approve a new Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA). This new Interlocal Agreement will replace our previous agreement with LCRA. This agreement will support our continued partnership and agreement with LCRA for two-way radio services and also allow us to work with LCRA and an approved vendor to evaluate our two-way radio signal strength across the district and to undertake corrective action to increase signal strength inside district buildings.

D. Summary:

Previous board action relating to this item –

Future action anticipated –

Background information – The current interlocal agreement (ILA) with Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) has been in place since 2005. This new ILA will support Hays CISD’s continued partnership with LCRA with regard to two-way radio service. Hays CISD and local emergency first responder agencies contract with LCRA for two-way radio service. These two-way radios often require additional amplification from Bi-Directional Amplifiers (BDAs) or Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) to perform optimally when used inside buildings. This Interlocal Agreement will allow LCRA to identify and contract with a vendor to provide an evaluation of LCRA two-way radio performance within our school buildings across the district. This written report will allow the district to undertake corrective action including tuning or repairing currently installed BDAs and installing new BDAs to increase two-way radio performance across the district. Safety grant funds were awarded by the TEA to Hays CISD for this purpose and will be used to fund this evaluation as well as the BDA related corrective action determined to be necessary by LCRA, Hays CISD, and local first responders.

E. Scope of Options Reviewed:

Interlocal Agreement between LCRA and Hays CISD

Reasons for rejecting alternatives: LCRA is the provider of our two-way radios and previously purchased BDAs.

F. Comments Received:

Cabinet DLT FBOC Teacher Org. Reps. Other: Safety and Security

G. Administrative Recommendation:

The administration recommends approval of this interlocal agreement with the LCRA.

H. Fiscal Impact and Cost: Total Amount: \$5,000 - estimate for the two-radio signal and BDA analysis and evaluation report. Estimated Cost for the BDA upgrades will be determined by the evaluation report. Hays CISD will continue to pay radio usage fees and purchase additional or replacement two-way radios from LCRA.

Budget – General Operating Fund **Bond** **Grant/Special Funds** **Other**

Prior Year Spending – \$0 for this BDA evaluation and upgrade project. \$82,472.57 spent on LCRA Telecommunication projects in 2022-2023

Future/Ongoing – The BDA evaluation and related upgrades will be a one-time cost using Safety Grant Funds. Maintenance, upgrades, and usage fees to the installed BDAs and district purchased LCRA two-way radios will be an on-going cost and may be funded with General Operating Fund and/or Bond funds depending upon the expenditure.

I. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action – Jeri Skrocki, Chief Safety and Security Officer

Evaluation method and time line -

Next report to the board -

J. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the Interlocal Agreement between the LCRA and Hays CISD, as presented.