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**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
(March 20, 2019)**

The Board Of Managers of the Cameron County Emergency Communication District (CCECD) met at the Cameron County Emergency Communication (9-1-1) District (CCECD) Building Board Room, located at 501 Camelot Drive, Harlingen, Texas, at 10:00 A.M., for a Meeting of the Board of Managers, on Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

However, pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, codified as Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§ 551.002 (Open Meetings Requirement) (Vernon 2017) ("Every regular, special, or called meeting of a governmental body shall be open to the public, except as provided by this chapter.").

Moreover, further CCECD personnel attended the March 20, 2019 Regular Board Meeting, including the CCECD Deputy Director, Joel Davila, the CCECD GIS Coordinator, Alfonso Garrido, and the CCECD Public Education/Training Coordinator, Joe Garcia.

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- Item 1. Call to Order (& Pledge of Allegiance).
Call to order by Mr. Prado (President) at 10:18 A.M. to open the meeting, to confirm the existence of a voting quorum (of four), and to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 2.

- Item 2. Approval of March (03/20/2019) Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Mr. Aston to approve the said Regular Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 3. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow).
Motion made by Mr. Aston to approve the said bills (& cash flow). Seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 4. Approval of Budget Amendments.
Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to table this item, as there was no budget amendments to be presented. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Financial Report (& Banking) Report.
Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to approve the said report, in which Mr. Davila noted that the checking account was \$4,718,475.59, that there was a Certificate Of Deposit (CD) balance of \$6,272,233.73, and that there was, as well as an outstanding balance of \$10,990,709.32
Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

~~Item 6.~~ Director's Report.
The Director's Report was written by Mrs. Barajas, understanding that she was ill. As such, the Deputy Director made a report (in lieu of the above). Also, after the PSAP Report and Building Report, the subjects above seemed to follow through, locally, in the Brownsville area. Also, Alfonso Garrido addressed the Board with developments with the Geographic Information System (GIS), involving ECO affiliates. Furthermore, Joe Garcia addressed the Board about both Public Education and Training Reports, which is being and will be followed as to those various CCECD "minutes." As such, as Ms. Barajas was not available, Joel Davila picked up on CCECD related topics. Again, the Director's Report was discussed about CCECD (9-1-1) matters, to improve the system and the related projects. A motion was made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the CCECD's Director's Report(s), the Building Report, the GIS Report, and the Public Education Training Report, to enhance familiarity with these issues, to augment these iterns to allow for CCECD (9-1-1) to be upgraded, as necessary. motion was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. AT&T Report.
AT&T discussed replacing all the 9-1-1 equipment, all PC's, all monitors and the front room refresh by and through Billy Blankenship (and Gabriel Moreno). Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the said AT&T Report made by Billy Blankenship. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. Board Committee Report.
There was a concern that the local news did a report from Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council stating that the Rio Grande Valley now had text to 9-1-1. In fact Cameron County has had TEXT to 9-1-1 since 2014. This Board Committee Report was acknowledged by the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez to acknowledge the foregoing Board Committee Report. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. Legal Counsel's Report.


The Legal Counsel's Report was presented by Brian G. Janis, to discuss the main rules for CCECD, which is set forth in the said Texas Legislature's "rules," under the Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §§ 772.301 (Vernon 2017) (Subchapter D. Emergency Communication District: Counties with Population over 20,000). That particular statute of the Texas Legislature gives CCECD legal guidelines of and for CCECD, as an Emergency Communication District. To this extent, Legal Counsel discussed the parameters of CCECD operations, which addresses the said Act mentioned above. In the event a legal question arises, by referring to that statute, CCECD will be in line with the said statute. A motion was made by Mr. Aston to acknowledge the said report, so as to insure that the CCECD is following the relevant statutes and laws at all times. Seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. The motion carried unanimously.


Item 10. Consideration and Approval of the CCECD Directors to attend the Texas Public Safety Conference on March 31-April 2, 2019. A motion was made by Mr. Prado to approve that the CCECD Directors should attend the Texas Public Safety Conference on March 31-April 2, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. Adjournment.
Motion made by Mr. Aston to adjourn the aforesaid meeting at 11:01 A.M. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 17th day of April, 2019.

Approved: 
Bill Aston, Vice-President of the Board Of Managers

Attested: 
Gabriel Moreno, Secretary of the Board of Managers

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