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**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2020**

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, February 19, 2020.

Present:

Board Members: Mario Prado (President), Bill Aston (Vice-President), Henry Etheridge and Gabriel Moreno
Board Members Absent: Domingo Diaz and Sam Ortega
Directors: S. Barajas, and J. Davila
Corporate Counsel: Juan M. Pequeno, Jr.
Others: A. Chavez (CCECD) and J. Garcia (CCECD)

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

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- Item 1. Call to order (Pledge of Allegiance)
Call to order by Mr. Prado at 10:07 A.M. to open the meeting, recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 2.
- Item 2. Establishment of a Quorum.
After confirmation of a voting quorum (3 of 5 quorum) by Ms. Barajas, Mr. Pequeno confirmed that neither action nor motion was necessary. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 3.
- Item 3. Public Comment.
Mario Prado, Board President opened public comment on any agenda item to anyone attending the meeting by approaching the podium. After a brief time and with no attendees and no comments made, Mr. Prado closed public comment section. Motion made by Mr. Prado to close public comment. Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 4. Approval of January 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes (as written). Motion made by Mr. Aston to approve the said Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motions carried unanimously.
- Item 5. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)
Mrs. Barajas presented the February 2020 Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills, after discussion by Board. Motion made by Mr. Prado to approve the said bills (& cash flow). Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 6. Financial Report (& Banking Report)
Ms. Barajas provided an update on financial banking and investment reports. Motion made by Mr. Aston to acknowledge the financial report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously. (The amounts of these reports were presented at the CCECD Board Meeting as with previous meetings.)
- Item 7. Director's Report
Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge and approve the said Director's Report as presented by Mrs. Barajas, which included no major system problems reported by PSAPs, attended the Critical Issues Forum in Austin, TX, earlier this month, February 2020, which included discussions centered on NG9-1-1; standards for legal issues arising from photos/videos sent to PSAPs, examples & demonstrations through diagrams of photos and video transmitting to PSAP networks. NENA, FCC continues to work with vendors in developing NG9-1-1 standards. One vendor; Rapid SOS, is working with other entities in getting a more precise location points that could be reported to the PSAPS. Attended the Director's Meeting (February 8th) where 3 funding options were presented to legislators. These options are follows; 1; one fee rate for Wireline, VOIP, and Wireless Fee; Option 2; Current fee structure with an increase to 85¢; Option 3; Current fee structure and allow each district to select from one of two wireless rates (wireless subscription service). Attended 9-1-1 Goes to Washington (February 11-13th) much discussion regarding FCC's 2017 Blocking Oder deals with "Robo Calls" and their work with mobile carriers to avoid these types of calls. The Task Force on Optimal PSAP Architecture send to Congress adopted its final report that stated PSAP Consolidation there is no cost saving because of NG9-1-1, ESInet, and the rapid advancement in technology of virtual PSAP consolidation, which would include connection of everyone in the state and nation. Congressman Filemon Vela showed support for district's issues and will visit Cameron County's PSAPs in April during Telecommunication week. A press release is planned commemorating 'Telecommunication Week' and the importance of participation of using Census data for 9-1-1 service fee funding. This concludes the Director's Report. Also the Building Report as presented by Mr. Davila, the GIS Report from Alfonso Garrido (GIS Department) was provided

to each board member, and the Public Education/Training Report as presented by Mr. Garcia. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. AT&T Report

Mr. Moreno reported that there are no major issues to report, nor projects, working with laptops and his team will be replacing the hard-drive in a unit at Harlingen PSAP. Motion made by Mr. Aston to acknowledge report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. Board Committee Report

Mr. Aston announced the 'Save-A-Life' event that will take place at Community Center downtown Madison Street in Harlingen on February 22, from 8 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. with several sponsors to include EMS. This committee will invite the district to host a booth next year. Event is open to the public for attendance. Mr. Prado made a motion to acknowledge the board committee report by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Pequeno informed board that retention of certified published agenda's must be kept for 2 years however the board minutes need to be maintained indefinitely. A motion and acknowledgment of the legal counsel's report was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. Consideration and Approval of Laptops Inter Local Agreement between CCECD and the City of Harlingen, with proposed changes made by the City of Harlingen. After discussion of the recommended changes by the City, a motion was made by Mr. Etheridge to approve the Inter Local Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. Closed Meeting for Discussion of Any Item on the Agenda as may be permitted by Subchapter D of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code
Item was tabled since there were items to be discussed that needed an executive session. No motion necessary.

Item 13. Adjournment

At 11:02 A.M., a motion was made by Mr. Aston to adjourn this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 18th day of March, 2020.

Approved: 

Mario M. Prado, President of the Board of Managers

Approved: 

Bill Aston, Vice-President of the Board of Managers

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