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CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 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, March 18, 2020.

Present:

Board Members: Mario Prado (President), Bill Aston (Vice-President), Henry Etheridge and Domingo Diaz
Board Members Absent: Sam Ortega and Gabriel Moreno
Directors: S. Barajas, and J. Davila
Corporate Counsel: Juan M. Pequeno, Jr.
Others: A. Chavez (CCECD), Alfonso Garrido (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 10:01 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 (4 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. Aston to close public comment. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 4.** Approval of February 19, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes (as written). Motion made by Mr. Aston to approve the said Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motions carried unanimously.
- Item 5.** Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)
Mrs. Barajas presented the March 2020 Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills, after discussion by Board. Motion made by Mr. Diaz 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 Laredo's Telco Meeting which included what other COGs and districts in the South Region are implementing, Laredo COG with approval by CSEC and Chief of Police will be testing Carbyne CLite applications which will send videos to the Laredo PD and Web County, requested launch date, attended the Emergency Preparedness Meeting regarding the Coronavirus and our facility will implement all measures as stated by CDC, Governor Abbott, Cameron County (Judge), Public Health and the City of Harlingen. At the Operations/Director's meeting we were informed by CSEC on NG911 and their target date for completion is August 21, 2023, discussed the goals for Alliance for the upcoming year, also were asked to compare the service fee remittance numbers against the ALI MSAG and huge discrepancies (money received vs current customers) should be forwarded to the Alliance Legal Counsel, Mike Tomsu. 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. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 8.** AT&T Report
In the absence of Mr. Moreno no report was available and this item was tabled. Motion made by Mr. Prado to table Item. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 9. Board Committee Report**
Mr. Aston requested information from legal counsel regarding board meeting should 2 or more of the members are not able to meet due to quarantine could it be possible to attend meeting by telephonic communications, what are the requirements other than a quorum, and is it a requirement to meet monthly taking into consideration the approval of monthly expense report. What can be done to ensure the continuity plan in place for the district? Legal counsel confirmed that board needs to meet every month to approve the bills. Mr. Aston also commended the staff on separating the staff and taking necessary precautions. Mr. Prado made a motion to acknowledge the board committee report by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 10. Legal Counsel Report**
Mr. Pequeno informed board the status of the Inter Local Agreement for the laptops for City of Harlingen and Cameron County. A motion and acknowledgment of the legal counsel's report was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 11. Consideration and Approval of CCECD Directors to attend the Texas Public Safety Conference on April 19-22, 2020.** Mrs. Barajas informed the board that this item had been rescheduled for September 30-September 2, 2020. Due change, a motion was made by Mr. Aston to table this item. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. 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 10:30 A.M., a motion was made by Mr. Aston to adjourn this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 15th day of April, 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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