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CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES December 16, 2020

The Board of Managers of the Cameron County Emergency Communication District (CCECD) met according to posted agenda, via Zoom, which meeting identification number and passcode was provided to Board Members and the public. The Zoom Video Conference was managed by 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, December 16, 2020.

Present:

Board Members: Mario Prado (President),

Video Conference: Bill Aston (Vice-President), Domingo Diaz, Sam Ortega, Henry

Etheridge, and Gabriel Moreno Board Members Absent: None Directors: S. Barajas, and J. Davila

Corporate Counsel: Juan M. Pequeno, Jr. (Video Conference)

Others: A. Chavez, A. Garrido, and J. Garcia (CCECD- Video Conference).

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".)

Item 1. Call to order (Pledge of Allegiance)

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Call to order by Mr. Prado at 10:05 A.M. to open the meeting. Mr. Prado informed attendees that on March 16th, the Governor and General Paxton temporarily suspended and extended open meeting laws to allow telephonic and videoconference meeting due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19). CCECD meet all requirements of the open meeting laws. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 2.

Item 2. Establishment of a Quorum.

After confirmation of a voting quorum (5 of 5 quorum) by Ms. Barajas though members of the board are not gathered in a central location and confirmation was attained by attendance through telephone conference call. 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 telephone conference call. After a brief time and with no attendees and no comments made and confirmation was made that there were no other attendees on the telephone conference, Zoom video conferencing, Mr. Prado closed public comment section. Motion made by Mr. Diaz to close public comment. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 4. Approval of November 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes (as written). Signature obtained from Mr. Prado, President, and document to be forwarded to Gabriel Moreno, Secretary, for the same purpose. 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 December 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. Prado. 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. Diaz. 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. Ortega to acknowledge and approve the said Director's Report as presented by Mrs. Barajas, which included no major system problems reported by PSAPs, attended via Zoom on December 1st, the Operations Meeting which included presentation by NG911 and Atos on the ESINet installation for California. The Director's Meeting on December 2nd included next year's calendar of events, continuation of Zoom meetings, goals for developing 911 resources and procurement standards that promote NG9-1-1. Committee continues 9-1-1 Reliability Funding with the Legislature. FCC is collecting data on diversion of 9-1-1 fees and will be providing guidance on qualifying expenditures. FCC will encourage federal agencies to use this same structure for grant funding. An announcement made by Jim Goerke, Texas Alliance CEO, informing the group that LRGVDC (Lower Rio Grande Development Council) will file to become a district. Safety measures (disinfecting) continue in our building. This concludes the Director's Report. Also the Building Report as presented by Mr. Davila, the GIS Report was presented by Alfonso Garrido (GIS Department), and the Public Education/Training Report was presented by Jose Garcia. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. AT&T Report

Mr. Moreno reported they are monitoring the alarms report and his technicians are being dispatched to the PSAPs to perform routine maintenance on T1 lines, verify and ensure all circuits are up to par. Indicated that some alarms/issues might be coming through Spectrum circuits however was not sure how to identify them. There were no other issues to report and would answer questions, if any, from the board. Since there were no questions, a motion was made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the report. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. Board Committee Report

Mr. Aston wished the staff 'Happy Holidays' and to stay safe. Mr. Etheridge, on behalf of the Board, thanked the staff for the hard work they do, 'Merry Christmas & Happy New Year', stay safe, and for providing the best service to the citizens. A motion was made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the board committee report. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Pequeno stated that the board meetings are being held in accordance with the disaster declaration, where the governor update did relax, extend, and allow the use of telephone conferencing in substitute of in-person meeting. That will remain in effect until further notice. Mr. Pequeno will keep the Board abreast of any changes for next month's meeting. Mr. Pequeno had nothing else to report and wished the staff 'Happy Holidays'. A motion and acknowledgment of the legal counsel's report was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 11. Presentation of Plaque for Mario Prado, for 30 years of service as a Board Member (November 14, 1990.) A motion to acknowledgment the plaque presented to Mario M. Prado, Board President for being on the CCECD Board for 30 years, was made by Mr. Etheridge. 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 10:32 A.M., a motion was made by Mr. Diaz to adjourn this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved this <u>20th</u> day of January, 2021.

Approved: Mars M. Visa

Mario M. Prado, President of the Board of Managers

Approved:

Gabriel Moreno, Secretary of the Board of Managers