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CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES July 21, 2021

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, July 21, 2021.

Present:

Board Members: Mario Prado (President),

Video Conference: Bill Aston (Vice-President), Robert Gracia, Lt. Henry Etheridge, and

Gabriel Moreno

Board Members Absent: Sam Ortega 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)

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)

Call to order by Mr. Prado at 10:04 A.M. to open the meeting. Mr. Prado informed attendees that on March 16, 2020, the Governor and Attorney 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 (4 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 video conference. 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 video conference, Mr. Prado closed public comment section. Motion made by Mr. Prado to close public comment. Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. Approval of June 16, 2021 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 with a correction of a misspelled word on page 3. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motions carried unanimously.

Item 5. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)

Mrs. Barajas presented the July 2021 Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills, after discussion by Board. Motion made by Mr. Etheridge to approve the said bills (& cash flow). Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Financial Report (& Banking Report)

Ms. Barajas provided an update on the financial banking and investment reports. Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the financial report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. 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. During the July 7th Director's Meeting, held in Dallas, Texas, discussed the NG9-1-1 cost survey which is due on July 23rd. The survey collects the cost for implementing NG9-1-1 across the State of Texas, this information is used for legislative funding efforts. On July 8th, met with John Pearcy, architect for Megamorphosis, reviewed preliminary drawings for the rear section of the building expansion. A letter has been sent to the City of Primera regarding specifications on a PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point), awaiting a response. The district's mobile phone has been registered for the GETS/WPS (Government Emergency Telecommunications Service & Wireless Priority Service). The GETS card has been received and activated. Safety measures (disinfecting) continue every day in our building. This concludes the Director's Report. Also the Building Report as presented by Mr. Davila, which included the repair of reception masonry mortar/stone wall, 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 two items in his report, which included; the Intrado texting deployment continues to be delayed, coordinating a couple of items that are missing, waiting for Motorola to perform software PSAP updates, and working with Billy and Motorola to get a Vesta configuration date so that we can get an engineer to configure the Vesta at each site. Once that is done, testing will continue by Intrado. (Since 2014, 9-1-1 texting available in Cameron County through the TTY, upgrade will change to SMS texting just like a mobile phone.) Second item; received the additional 13 laptops in the AT&T Harlingen warehouse, waiting for license, software, instructions on the uploads, and estimated delivery date to the District. AT&T is working with Daniel (IT) for the network and usernames/passwords have been added to the 13 laptops. Motion made by Mr. Aston to acknowledge the AT&T Report. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. Board Committee Report

Mr. Aston voiced his concern regarding slowly rising Covid19 cases. The District should keep in mind, the September 1st opening to the public might be affected by the rising number in cases and hospitalizations with Covid19. Ms. Barajas congratulated Bill Aston for 51 years of dedicated EMS service to the community. After board members expressed their thanks, a motion to acknowledge the report was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Gracia. 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. However, Mr. Pequeno mentioned that the open meetings act relax measures will expire September 1, 2021. This could change if the Covid19 numbers continue to go up, then the open meeting act could get extended but for now CCECD technically will continue with the Zoom meetings for the month of August and in-person meeting for the month of September. Mr. Pequeno will keep the Board abreast of any changes. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) did publish a lengthy document with some fee diversion rules. Mr. Pequeno is working on a condensed memorandum with a summary of the highlights that he will circulate for everyone within two weeks. A motion and acknowledgment of the legal counsel's report was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. Closed Meeting for Discussion of Any Item on the Agenda as may be permitted by Subchapter D of Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code. No item met this criteria.

Item 12.	Adjournment.		
	At 10:41 A.M., a motion was made by Mr. Etheridge to adjourn this meeting.		
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Mario M. Prado, President of the Board of Managers			
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Bill Aston, Vice President of the Board of Managers			