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CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 11, 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, August 11, 2021.

Present:

Board Members: Mario Prado (President),

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

Board Members Absent: Sam Ortega and Gabriel Moreno

Director: 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".)

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Item 1. Call to order (Pledge of Allegiance)

Call to order by Mr. Prado at 10:03 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 Mr. Davila 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. Aston to close public comment. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 12.

- Item 4. Approval of July 21, 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 as written. Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motions carried unanimously.
- Item 5. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)

 Mr. Davila presented the August 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. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 6. Financial Report (& Banking Report)

 Mr. Davila provided an update on the financial banking and investment reports.

 Motion made by Mr. Etheridge to acknowledge the financial report as presented.

 Seconded by Mr. Gracia. 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. Aston to acknowledge and approve the said Director's Report as presented by Mr. Davila. Mr. Davila commenced the report by informing the Board that Mrs. Barajas husband, and two of her husband's brothers have passed away within the past weeks. Also included in the report, no major system problems reported by PSAPs. On July 25th through 29th, the Directors attended the NENA (National Emergency Number Association) conference in Columbus. Ohio, which hosted several renown keynote speakers, attended sessions on NG9-1-1 i3, Z-Vertical Axis location, Cybersecurity, Vehicle Telematics, GIS (Geographical Information System), and Location Based Routing. Attended a presentation by FCC Deputy Bureau Chief of Public Safety & Homeland Security, David Furth, discussing 9-1-1 fee diversion issues and timely network outage reported by Telcos, wireless carriers, and other companies that provide network services to the 9-1-1 industry. On August 4th, Mr. Davila attended the Texas Alliance Director's Meeting by Zoom conference which discussion centered on all the statewide district's NG9-1-1- cost surveys that will be submitted to the State of Texas Comptrollers and CSEC (Commission on State Emergency Communications) for funding consideration once Governor Abbott authorizes federal grant money for NG9-1-1. The goal is to try to get every 9-1-1 entity in the

State of Texas (Districts, Municipal Districts, and CSEC COG's) the amount of funds they need to migrate completely to NG9-1-1. We have kept in contact with John Pearcy, architect for Megamorphosis. We are making progress on the preliminary drawings for the building expansion and making sure we do not leave anything out that is needed. Safety measures (disinfecting) continue every day 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

In the absence of Mr. Moreno, Mr. Davila reported that the AT&T is working on software updates to the laptops. AT&T 9-1-1 network phone lines will continue to be the primary service. SmartCom is currently working at each PSAP in replacing Spectrum, which serve as the 9-1-1 network back-up/secondary lines. Motion made by Mr. Etheridge to acknowledge the AT&T Report. Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. Board Committee Report

Mr. Aston asked about the generator replacement, which is part of the building expansion. Mr. Aston voiced his concern regarding increasing Covid19 cases and hospitalizations. Mr. Davila confirmed that CCECD has taken the increase of cases into consideration and therefore would not be opening the District's doors to the public on September 1^{st.} A motion to acknowledge the report was made by Mr. Gracia. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. 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 there hasn't been any additional guidance from the governor's office and 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. Mr. Pequeno will keep the Board abreast of any changes prior to next month's Board meeting. Mr. Pequeno offered different scenarios to comply with the Open Meetings Act should the Board need to meet in person. Mr. Pequeno confirmed the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Fee Diversion Task Force must publish fee diversion rules/guidelines by September 23rd, 2021. Mr. Pequeno will be providing a memorandum with a summary of the highlights on fee diversion that have been addressed in a June report. A motion to acknowledge the legal counsel's report was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. Consideration and Approval for adding a PSAP for the City of Primera, Texas. After

a brief discussion, a motion was made to not approve the City of Primera's request and decline their request to add an additional PSAP, and to not give the request any further consideration until information requested from them by the District is provided by the City of Primera. The motion was made by Mr. Etheridge and Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously. No one was present on behalf of the City of Primera. Thereafter, the Board went to Item #4.

- Item 12. Consideration and Approval of CCECD Audit presented by Quentin Anderson from Carr, Riggs and Ingram. After a thorough review, a motion was made by Mr. Aston to approve the presentation and Audit for CCECD. Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously. Thereafter, the Board went to Item #11.
- Item 13. Consideration and Approval of reinstatement of Covid-19 sick leave policy for District Employees. Mr. Pequeno reviewed with the Board the prior Covid-19 sick leave policies that had expired and the terms for the current policy being proposed in light of the rapid spread of the Delta variant. A motion to approve the reinstatement of Covid-19 sick leave policy to be implemented immediately and expire on November 30th, 2021, for a 3-month period, was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously
- Item 14. 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 15. Adjournment.

At 11:07 A.M., a motion was made by Mr. Etheridge to adjourn this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved this _____15th day of September, 2021.

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Mario M. Prado, President of the Board of Managers

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Gabriel Moreno, Secretary of the Board of Managers