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**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2021**

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, December 15, 2021.

Present:

Board Members: Mario Prado (President), Bill Aston (Vice-President), and Sam Ortega
Board Members Absent: Robert Gracia, Lt. Henry Etheridge, and Gabriel Moreno
Directors: S. Barajas, and J. Davila
Corporate Counsel: Ivan Perez
Others: A. Chavez, A. Garrido, and J. Garcia (CCECD Staff)

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 (3 of 5 quorum) by Ms. Barajas, Mr. Perez 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, with no attendees, and no comments made, Mr. Prado closed the public comment section and no action was needed.

- Item 4. Approval of November 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Signature obtained from Mr. Prado, President, and document to be forwarded to Bill Aston, Vice President, for the same purpose. Motion made by Mr. Aston to approve the

said Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)

Ms. Barajas presented the December Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills, after discussion by Board. Motion made by Mr. Ortega 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 the financial banking and investment reports. Motion made by Mr. Aston to acknowledge the financial report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Ortega. 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 Ms. Barajas. As of this date, no major system problems reported by PSAPs. On November 30th, attended the 'Operations Meeting' in Houston, which included presentations from Datamark, AT&T, and HB2911 funding of 101 million from the 140 million that was awarded for NG911. During December 1st Director's meeting, we introduced and welcomed Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District as a new district. The Districts recognized Representative James White with a plaque for his support in the passing of HB2911. Representative White remembered and recognized Ms. Barajas from South Texas area, commended her recognition for the 'House Floor in 2019' and the work with 9-1-1 Goes to Austin. Additionally, discussed HB2911/SB8, NG911 funding requirements in adopting the federal procurement (item will be on the January's agenda for approval), expenditure of monies, completion of CSEC forms and the use of funds by the December 31, 2024 deadline. 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 information on the 'Pre-bidder's Conference' held on-site and on Zoom, Friday, December 10th, at 10 am. A walk-through of the building was performed for the contractors that attended and provide them an opportunity to view the area affected by the renovation. Deadline to submit a bid is on Wednesday, December 22nd, at 3 pm and thereafter will meet at 4pm to open the bids by Megamorphosis and the CCECD staff, in the district's conference room. GIS Report was presented by Alfonso Garrido (GIS Department), and the Public Education/Training Report was presented by Jose Garcia. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. AT&T Report

No report was available and this item was tabled. A motion made by Mr. Prado to table item. Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 9. Board Committee Report
Mr. Ortega announced that he was stepping down and this would be his last meeting serving as a Board Member. He introduced Captain Gabriel Garza that would be replacing his seat and that the item has already been placed on the City of Brownsville's January agenda (appointment of Captain Garza to the CCECD Board). Mr. Ortega expressed his gratitude for the friendship, knowledge, and the experience of serving with board members with such expertise. His job assignments no longer allow him time to attend the CCECD board meetings. All board members and CCECD directors thanked Mr. Ortega for the time he served as a valuable member and that he would be missed. A motion of acknowledge-ment was made by Mr. Prado on this item. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 10. Legal Counsel Report
Mr. Perez informed the board that as of this morning, Mr. Pequeno has submitted a summary of the fee diversion memorandum and this would be distributed to the board. No other legal issues nor concerns were noted. A motion to acknowledge the legal counsel's report was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously. Thereafter, the Board made a motion by Mr. Aston to move to Item 12. Second by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 12.
- Item 11. Presentation of the Telecommunicator of the Year Awards, after the conclusion of this meeting (at which time, no action will be taken, but "minutes" will be). A motion to recess was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously. At 10:27, Mr. Ortega left the meeting and quorum was no longer available and the meeting automatically adjourned.
- Item 12. 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 items on the agenda met these criteria. No action was needed. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 11.
- Item 13. Adjournment.
At 10:27 A.M., the meeting automatically adjourned, since there was no longer quorum. No action was needed for this item.

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Approved this 19th day of January, 2022.

Approved: 
Mario M. Prado, President of the Board of Managers

Approved: 
Bill Aston, Vice President of the Board of Managers

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