

present at the meeting. No additional action necessary.

Item 4. 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. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 12.

Item 5. Approval of December 15, 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. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)

Ms. Barajas presented the January Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills, after discussion by Board. Motion made by Mr. Prado to approve the said bills (& cash flow). Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. 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 reports 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 8. Director's Report

Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the said Director's Report as presented by Ms. Barajas. As of this date, no major system problems reported by PSAPs. On January 5th, attended the Director's Meeting via Zoom, discussions included the disbursement of \$101 million allocated to the Districts. Original funding request from all districts was \$168 million. All districts were instructed to review their figures, base it on a two-year period, and remove any operational related expense. COGS and Districts reported their activities and most are implementing ESInet. AT&T meeting later this month to commence the scheduling of ESInet. Appropriations Control Officer (ACO) and Governor's Office has mandated the completion of ESInet by September 1, 2025. The district must complete all procurements and incur/legally obligate-encumber all grant funds by December 31, 2024. TELCO meeting have resume, held virtual due to high COVID cases in Laredo, Texas. 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 discussion on the addition and renovation, ranking of contractors, negotiation of construction contract with Peacock General Contractor, question and answer section by Megamorphosis (Item #12). Mr. Davila informed the board that the district has signed contracts for the replacement of the building's security system and a new Cisco telephone

equipment. 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 9. AT&T Report
No report was available and this item was tabled. However, all AT&T issues incurred are being address by Mr. Davila and Joe Garcia. The district will request an AT&T technician attend the next board meeting, since Gabriel Moreno will not be available. A motion made by Mr. Prado to table item. Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. Board Committee Report
Several board members raised concerns regarding confusion that arose from a Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District publication/article. Board members were contacted regarding Hidalgo & Willacy County new district's name, assumes that it includes all areas in the lower Rio Grande Valley. The district will follow-up with RGVECD in an attempt to see if anything can be done. A motion of acknowledgement was made by Mr. Gracia on this item. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. Legal Counsel Report
Mr. Pequeno informed the board that the architect along with the directors can start the negotiations with the contractor, Peacock General Contractors. The 'Open Meetings Act', with the spike in Covid cases there's no indication that meeting will revert to Zoom. Mr. Pequeno will keep the board informed should there be a change. Mr. Pequeno submitted a memorandum on the Strike Force's final fee diversion report and their recommendations and stated that there has been no action by the legislature. FCC submitted the 13 Annual report to Congress which contains statistic reporting on expenditure of funds by the districts. The fee diversion report is still very vague with not enough clarity. The biggest development is that they adopt a petition process for the FCC so you can request approval or guidance prior to making the expense. Mr. Pequeno would like to see postings of final outcomes of all petitions with the FCC determinations. A motion to acknowledge the legal counsel's report was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. Consideration and Approval of;
a. Ranking of contractors that submitted competitive sealed bid proposals for Cameron County Emergency Communication District's Addition and renovations project. After a discuss in the ranking and recommendations made by Megamorphosis, a motion to Approve the contractor selected was made by Mr. Gracia. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.
b. Authorization for administration to negotiate contract with No. 1 ranked contractor, Peacock General Contractors, for the Cameron County Emergency Communication District Addition and Renovations project, and to enter a contract, subject to legal counsel approval. A motion to approve, negotiations with Peacock

General Contractors by the architect, include legal counsel, and CCECD directors for the district's addition and renovations project, was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 5.

Item 13. Consideration and Approval to transfer two million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.00) from our Frost Bank Operations Account to open a Building Fund Account. A motion to approve opening of a building fund checking account to be used for the district's addition and renovation project was made by Mr. Gracia. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 14. Consideration and Approval for Directors to attend 911GTW on February 12-17, 2022. A motion to approve travel was made by Mr. Gracia. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 15. 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. No items nor action

Item 16. Adjournment.
At 11:21 A.M., a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Etheridge. Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 23rd day of February, 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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