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**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 23, 2022**

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, March 23, 2022.

Present:

Board Members: Mario Prado (President), Bill Aston (Vice-President), Gabriel Garza, Henry Etheridge, and Gabriel Moreno
Board Members Absent: Robert Gracia
Directors: S. Barajas, and J. Davila
Corporate Counsel: Juan M. Pequeno, Jr.
Others: A. Chavez, A. Garrido, and J. Garcia (CCECD Staff), Billy Blankenship and Valentin Ramirez (AT&T).

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 10:02 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 (4 of 5 quorum) by Ms. Barajas, 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 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 and Resolution Honoring Assistant Chief Samuel Ortega for his 7 years

of service to CCECD, the City of Brownsville, Cameron County, and the residents of those locales. In Mr. Ortega's absence, the plaque for the years of service to the Cameron County Emergency Communication District, Board of Managers, signed by Mr. Prado, Board President and Mrs. Barajas, Executive Director, will be delivered by Captain Gabriel Garza. Board members participating in the meeting expressed their appreciation for his service. No action required for this item.

Item 5. Approval of February (16, 2022) Regular Board Meeting Minutes. 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. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)
Ms. Barajas presented the March Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills, after discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Prado to approve the said bills (& cash flow). Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. 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. Etheridge to acknowledge the said Director's Report as presented by Ms. Barajas. As of this date, no major system problems reported by PSAPs. On March 1st, attended the operations meeting in Houston. The meeting provided updates on the Wireless Z-Axis (specifies height of wireless calls), Federal Grants, and Procurement Policy documents. March 2nd Director's Meeting, held discussions on HB2911/SB8 and NG9-1-1 funding. According to CSEC, governor's office has changed the deadline to CY2024 for spending the allotted monies, instead of CY2026. The group compiled questions and answer document in detail regarding nationwide carriers (AT&T, T-Mobile, and Verizon), to assist and educate PSAP stakeholders on the issues. A discussion was also held regarding FCC Chairwoman, Jessica Rosenworcel proposal regarding 'when Congress reauthorizes the FCC spectrum auction authority', it considers taking the funds from future spectrum actions and apply them towards the nation's transition to next-generation 9-1-1, which would benefit public safety in every state and territory. Attended 9-1-1 Goes-To-Washington, D.C., and met with Legislative Aides to Congressman Filemon Vela and Vicente Gonzalez. Requested support on these three issues of discussion; 9-1-1 Next Generation, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Reclassification; and 9-1-1 Program Reauthorization. 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 signed contract on the building addition, and reported that Megamorphosis and Peacock Contractors are addressing drainage issues with City of Harlingen. CCECD is awaiting the start date for construction. GIS Report was presented by Alfonso Garrido (GIS Department), and the Public Education /Training Report was presented by Jose Garcia. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. AT&T Report

Mr. Moreno reported an update regarding the 13 new command post laptops that are being housed by AT&T, awaiting licensure, will be delivering to CCECD soon, and plan on testing them at the PSAP site to ensure they work accordingly. Mr. Moreno also informed the board that AT&T techs reported the 13 command post laptops that are at CCECD and at PSAP locations have been tested and are in good working order. No other issues to report. Motion made by Mr. Aston to acknowledge the AT&T Report. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. Board Committee Report

Mr. Etheridge commended the staff for their great performance and especially all of the training & GIS staff for always providing information to the Board. A motion of acknowledgement was made by Mr. Prado on this item. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Pequeno informed the board, they have received signed contracts, addendums, bond payments, insurance certificates and has reached out as to when construction will begin. Mr. Pequeno informed the board that the 'FCC Fee Diversion Strike Force' made their final recommendation last September 2021 and there has been no further changes. Mr. Pequeno has made contact with FCC regarding his prior request "if petitions will be published" so everyone can review reported opinions on their findings on whether they would be permissible or not permissible. Mr. Pequeno spoke about the email response regarding the RGVECD 911 name confusion issue and RGVECD will take a cooperative approach on this issue. Ms. Barajas confirmed the information and also confirmed media awareness was needed. Other suggestion includes continue working with the new district (RGVECD 911) and include the areas they are serving. Mr. Pequeno mentioned that he will provide information on the Federal Procurement Policy (Item 13) later during that agenda item. A motion to acknowledge the legal counsel's report was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Garza. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. Presentation on ESInet by AT&T representative, Billy Blankenship. Presentation provided an overview of network changes from "Traditional" to "Next Generation 9-1-1". After a discussion of the information presented, a motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried

unanimously.

- Item 13. Consideration and Approval of Federal Procurement Policy. Mr. Pequeno update the board with a review of the policy and that the policy was required with the federal funding. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Etheridge. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 14. Consideration and Approval to open a new Bank Account and transfer \$2,938,989.22 from Treasury Bills to new account as the T-Bills mature. A motion to approve the new bank account which will be utilized for the ESInet implementation, by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. 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 11:34 A.M., a motion to adjourned was made by Mr. Etheridge. Seconded by Mr. Garza. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 20th day of April, 2022.

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

Approved: Gabriel Moreno
Gabriel Moreno, Secretary of the Board of Managers

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