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**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY  
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 20, 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, April 20, 2022.

**Present:**

Board Members: Mario Prado (President), Bill Aston (Vice-President), Robert Gracia, Henry Etheridge, and Gabriel Moreno  
Board Members Absent: Gabriel Garza  
Directors: S. Barajas, and J. Davila  
Corporate Counsel: Juan M. Pequeno, Jr. and Ivan Perez  
Others: A. Chavez, A. Garrido, and J. Garcia (CCECD Staff) and Maria Linda Gonzalez Janis, Attorney At Law

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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. "Swearing-In of (reappointment) CCECD Board Member Gabriel Moreno."  
Pursuant to Texas Constitution, Art. XVI, § 1 (Vernon Supp. 2016) Official Oath administered to Gabriel Moreno, Secretary, to reappoint and reinstate board member, officiated by Alma Linda Chavez, a Notary of the State of Texas and for CCECD. 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.
- Item 5.           Approval of March (23, 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 April Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills, after discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Gracia 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. Prado 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, the PSAPs have not reported any major system problems. On March30, we attended the Directors Meeting in Dallas. We approved the Alliance Budget for the 2022-2023 Fiscal year. We discussed abandon calls which is on the rise for Greater Harris County of 12% and Bexar County of 7%. Mike Tomsu, the Alliance legal said that May 1st is the deadline for the Sprint Recovery Bill. Kellie Merriweather, CSEC, has not heard anything from the Governor's Office. CSEC should be getting the Federal Grant payment in June. Spending the grant money is a state issue and not a Federal issue. NASNA (National Association of 9-1-1 Administrators) petitioned the FCC to establish Commission authority over OSP's (originating service providers (i.e. wireless, landline, and interconnected VoIP) delivery of 9-1-1 services through IP-based emergency services network (ESInets). Amend 47 C.F.R. §§ 9.4 and 9.5 as needed to advance the transition to and implementation on NG9-1-1 services and require the cost of compliance, as it was with the implementation of wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service, text to 9-1-1, and real-time text (RTT), is the responsibility of the OSPs, except where cost-recovery is provided by state law or regulation. We were cautioned about the potential for Russia to engage in malicious cyber activity against the United States. Intelligence reports that Russia may be exploring options for potential cyber-attacks. We attended the Public Safety Conference in

Galveston. It has been over two years since we had not attended this conference because of the Pandemic. The PSAP supervisors relayed to me and to tell the Board their appreciation for letting them attend this conference. They attended all the sessions and got their TCOLE credits. There were a lot good sessions that we attended. Mr. Davila and I attended the International Border Coalition Meeting on Sunday. If you recall way back in 2016, the COGs and Districts that border Mexico were having lots of problems with 9-1-1 calls from stranded illegals that were lost or needed emergency help. At that meeting in Laredo, we met with our counterparts from Mexico. We discussed our issues and incorporated guidelines into their agency's SOP's. Since then, CSEC got involved and now national NENA. In attendance was Mexico's NENA director Antonio Hernandez Gallegos and US Customs and Border Patrol, Mission Migrant Program and also Polo Uriales from MX 911 the App. We learned that the PSAP (C4) that was in Matamoros our border city was closed and now all their 9-1-1 calls are going to the PSAP (C4) in Reynosa. They answer for the other surrounding cities and get about 4,000 calls daily. I met with vendors and had face to face meetings with other Directors where we discussed issues regarding 9-1-1. I also got to talk to Mexico's delegation and discussed with them how our PSAPs work here. They had a lot of questions about our 9-1-1 in Texas. Mr. Davila, Mr. Ralph Cruz and I met with Dustin Becker from Datamark GIS. This concludes my report. Safety measures (disinfecting) continue every day in our building. Also the Building Report as presented by Mr. Davila, informed the board that Mrs. Barajas has signed and returned to John Percy the 'Stormwater Facility Maintenance Agreement with the City of Harlingen. In which, CCECD agrees with the specifications of the drainage ditch and will continue to maintain the area. Mr. Davila expects that construction will move forward by next week. 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 9. AT&T Report

Mr. Moreno had nothing to report and this item was tabled. A motion was made by Mr. Gracia to table item. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. Board Committee

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

Item 11. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Pequeno informed the board, there have been no updates from the Fee Diversion Strike Force. Mr. Pequeno briefly mentioned that they have been able to work through some legal issues for the building addition which allow the issuance of the building permits. The board requested an update on the RGVECD 911 name issue. Mr. Pequeno mentioned the email response regarding the

RGVECD 911 name confusion and its contents. Ms. Barajas confirmed the information and also confirmed media awareness was needed. Joe Garcia is developing 3 media flyers that would be publicized. Other suggestions include having the district present at the RGVECD 911 board meeting and express the concerns.

Item 12. Consideration and Approval to begin procurement process in accordance with the District's Federal Procurement Policy to upgrade our 9-1-1 system to ESInet. After a discussion and review of the policy by Mr. Pequeno, a motion of approval was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. 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. A motion was made at 10:43 AM by Mr. Gracia to move to executive session. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Consultation with legal counsel regarding personnel matter. (TX. GOV'T CODE 551.071, 551.074). Possible Action, if any, in open meeting. At 11:52 AM, executive session closed and no action was taken so therefore no motion was needed.

Item 14. Adjournment.  
At 11:56 A.M., a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Gracia. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

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

Approved:   
Gabriel Moreno, Secretary of the Board of Managers

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