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**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 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, September 21, 2022.

Present:

Board Members: Mario Prado (President), Bill Aston (Vice-President), Henry Etheridge, and Charles Hoskins
Board Members Absent: Gabriel Garza and Gabriel Moreno
Directors: J. Davila and A. Chavez
Corporate Counsel: Juan M. Pequeno, Jr.
Others: R. Cruz, and A. Garrido (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 10:00 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 Mr. Davila, Mr. Pequeno confirmed that neither action nor motion was necessary. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 3.

- Item 3. 'Swearing-in of (appointment) CCECD new Board Member Charles Hoskins, Jr.'
 Pursuant to Texas Constitution, Art. XVI, § 1 (Vernon Supp. 2016) Official Oath administered to Charles Hoskins, Jr. to instate to the board members for CCECD, 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 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 August 17, 2022 Board Meeting and August 25, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes. Signature will be obtained from Mr. Prado, President, and document to be forwarded to Bill Aston, Vice President, for the same purpose. Motion made by Mr. Etheridge to approve the said Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)
Mr. Davila presented the September 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. Hoskins. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. Financial Report (& Banking Report)
Mr. Davila provided an update on the financial banking reports. Motion made by Mr. Aston to acknowledge the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried unanimously. (The amounts of these reports were presented at the CCECD Board Meeting as with previous meetings.)

Item 8. Executive Director's Report
Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the said Director's Report as presented by Mr. Davila. I attended the Texas 9-1-1 Alliance Operation Meeting in Houston on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Discussed were technical issues regarding the adoption of a Texas-wide URI (Uniform Resource Identifier). A URI identifies the resource by name at a specified location on a network and in this case it would identify each Texas PSAP on the ESINET. Also discussed were items dealing with Geographical Information Systems(GIS) like boundary buffers, school floor plans, and interoperability of Call Handling Equipment(CHE) as it pertains to the ESINET. Mapping going to the Cloud versus on premise servers as is the case today for the all the Districts in Texas was another topic of discussion. Some Districts are looking to the Cloud as a backup and not a primary repository for their Mapping. On September 7, 2022, I attended the Texas Alliance Executive Director's Meeting in Houston. The main topic of discussion again was the status of HB2911/SB 8 NG9-1-1 Funding Implementation Process and Factors. There are still many questions and concerns regarding the Contract, implementation, and reimbursement of costs that CSEC has to address. At the time of our meeting fortunately for us we had already submitted and had signed contract with CSEC. I am proud to say that CCECD has already submitted the order to the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) for AT&T to start the implementation of our ESINET. AT&T is estimating that since we are one of the first Texas Districts to award contract and submit our order they are looking at a timeframe of late February 2023 for completion. That means we can start getting reimbursed for our one-time costs and monthly reimbursements

early next year. Our lobbyists for the Texas Alliance have met with Verizon and T-Mobile regarding our wireless fee increase but these two wireless carriers are not for it for two reasons. First, they state that we have been awarded 150 million dollars by the State of Texas for upgrading to the ESINET and that should be enough. What they don't take into consideration is that ongoing monthly costs for the ESINET is a lot more expensive than our current monthly costs. Secondly, they want all 9-1-1 entities in the State of Texas to settle on one fee for all districts no matter the size of the Districts. This does not work for the smaller districts who desperately need a larger fee increase and some of the larger Districts like Greater Harris County who don't need nor want a fee increase. Our challenge during the upcoming State legislative session will be a lot of new State Senators and Representatives who have to be educated on funding for 9-1-1 and overcoming the current administration's stance on no new taxes nor fee increases. 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 of the progress and the new completion date of December 12th, GIS Report was presented by Alfonso Garrido (GIS Department), and the Public Education/ Training Report by Joel Davila in Jose Garcia absence. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 9. AT&T Report
No report was available and this item was tabled. A motion to table item was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 10. Board Committee Report
No report was available and this item was tabled. A motion was made by Mr. Prado to table item. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 11. Legal Counsel Report
Mr. Pequeno informed the board that AT&T plans to have the ESInet up and running, late February 2023. Next items will be the subproject procurements that we can expend some of the additional funds. A motion to acknowledge legal counsel's report was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 12. Consideration and Approval of CCECD Audit presented by Quentin Anderson, Carr, Riggs and Ingram. After the presentation and discussion of the financial audit overview and a clean audit report, a motion to approve was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 13.
- Item 13. Consideration and Acknowledgement of Presentation by Ronnie Tavarez, Wealth Advisor Investment Management with Frost Brokerage Services. Mr. Tavarez presented the overall activity and status of the investment portfolio for the District, a motion to Acknowledge the presentation was made by Mr. Aston.

Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 5.

Item 14. Consideration and Approval of the 2023 Holiday Schedule for CCECD staff. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 15. Consideration and Approval of the Life Insurance Plan coverage for the CCECD staff from TML Health Benefits to commence in January 2023. A motion to approve and increase the Life Insurance Plan coverage to \$75,000 for Directors and \$50,000 for staff was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 16. 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.

Item 17. Adjournment.
At 11:12 A.M., a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 19th day of October, 2022.

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

Approved: 
Gabriel Moreno, Secretary of the Board of Managers

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