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**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 July 19, 2023**

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, July 19, 2023.

Present:

- Board Members: Mario Prado (President), Bill Aston (Vice-President), and Henry Etheridge, Gabriel Garza, Charles Hoskins, Jr., and Gabriel Moreno
 Board Members Absent:
 Executive Directors: J. Davila and A. Chavez
 Corporate Counsel: Ivan Perez
 Others: R. Cruz, E. Mendez-Rodriguez, J. Garcia, and E. Espitia (CCECD Staff) and Matthew Montemayor (Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, CPA and Advisors)

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 (5 of 5 quorum) by Mr. Davila, 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 comments made, Mr. Prado closed the public comment section and no action was needed. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 11.

- Item 4. Approval of June (14, 2023) Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Signature will be obtained from Mr. Prado, President, and document to be forwarded to Gabriel Moreno, Secretary, for the same purpose. Motion made by Mr. Prado to approve the said Regular Board Meeting Minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 5. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)
Mr. Davila presented the July Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills, after discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Etheridge to approve the said bills (& cash flow). Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 6. Financial Report (& Banking Report)
Mr. Davila provided an update on the financial banking report and 2nd Quarterly Public Investment Reports. Motion made by Mr. Aston to acknowledge the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously. (The amounts of these reports were presented at the CCECD Board Meeting as with previous meetings.)
- Item 7. Executive Director's Report
Mr. Davila provided the following Executive Director's Report: Alma Linda Chavez and myself attended the Texas 911 Texas Alliance Directors Meeting on July 5, 2023. Discussed was that the Texas State Comptroller's Office, CSEC, and the Legislative Budget Board(LBB) will be meeting sometime in the future to determine the amount each District will receive from the \$116,000,000.00 allocated under HB 3290/SB 1858 passed and signed by Governor Abbott. This Bill is also the Alliance's date extension bill for the Grant Funding. It extends the deadline to spend the HB2911/SB 8 NG9-1-1 Grant Funding from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2026.
The Alliance membership also asked each District to request Verizon Wireless to provide Location-Based Routing (LBR) which is more accurate than the current Phase 2 wireless routing. All the other major Wireless carriers are already providing LBR but for whatever reason Verizon was not delivering LBR. We are in the process of filling out the paperwork to submit to Verizon Wireless. That way any overlapping cell sectors can be covered uniformly.
In regards to the original Federal Grant that has been awarded to us already CSEC is coming up with a more streamlined forms so grantee recipients can more easily amend their applications because of the extension of grant funds through December 31, 2026.
The last item discussed is that the Alliance is putting out a job opening for a new Texas Alliance Chief Executive Director to replace Jim Goerke who is retiring from the Alliance later this year.
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 Peacock General Contractors last invoice has been paid, waiting for Megamorphosis to

submit their last invoice to close-out building addition and bank account. Furniture and equipment for PSAP will be purchased to compete the additional four positions in the new building area. GIS Report was presented by Rafael Cruz (GIS Department), the Public Education Report by Eliza Mendez-Rodriguez, and the Training Report by Jose Garcia. Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the said Director's Report as presented by Mr. Davila and the GIS Report, Public Education, and the Training Report. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. AT&T Report

Mr. Moreno reported update on the installation of new circuits at the Harlingen Police Department on Loop 499 and EMS at Vermont Street. Once installed, both sites will be migrated to the new service and old circuits will be disconnected. Mr. Etheridge expressed a concern regarding the UPS batteries back-up timeframe should there be a power failure. Mr. Moreno provided details regarding the minimum load power for continuity time to transfer to their back-up generator, or in some other cases transferring call answering system to the back-up PSAP site. A motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion was carried unanimously.

Item 9. Board Committee

Mr. Hoskins announced that Cameron County Sheriff's Office has National Night Out at Bass Pro Shop in Harlingen, on September 1, 2023. A motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion was carried unanimously.

Item 10. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Ivan Perez reported that Mr. Juan Pequeno could not attend the meeting, however, he reported that Mr. Pequeno has been working closely with Mr. Davila and Mrs. Chavez regarding working with AT&T Call Handling Equipment Contract, Vermont Fiber Location Solutions Contract, along with the Construction Contract. A motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. Consideration and Approval of CCECD Audit presented by Quentin Anderson, Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, CPA and Advisors. Matthew Montemayor, Partner at Carr, Riggs, and Ingram presented CCECD's Audit report in Mr. Anderson's absence. After a review and discussion with the Board of Managers, a motion to approve was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 4.

Item 12. Consideration and Approval for Directors to attend the APCO 2023 Conference in Nashville, TN, on August 6-9, 2023. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. 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.

Item 14. Adjournment.

At 10:56 A.M., a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 16th day of August, 2023.

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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