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**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY  
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 16, 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, August 16, 2023.

**Present:**

Board Members: Mario Prado (President), Bill Aston (Vice-President), and Charles Hoskins, Jr., and Gabriel Moreno  
Board Members Absent: Henry Etheridge and Gabriel Garza,  
Executive Directors: J. Davila and A. Chavez  
Corporate Counsel: Juan M. Pequeno  
Others: R. Cruz, E. Mendez-Rodriguez, J. Garcia, and E. Espitia (CCECD Staff)

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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 10:00 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 (3 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. 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.

- Item 4. Approval of July (19, 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. Hoskins 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 August Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills, after discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Aston to approve the said bills (& cash flow). Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 6. Financial Report (& Banking Report)  
Mr. Davila provided an update on the financial banking. Motion made by Mr. Hoskins to acknowledge the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Mr. Aston. 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  
Alma Linda Chavez and myself attended the Texas 911 Alliance Directors Meeting on August 2, 2023. Discussed was posting a job opening for a new Texas Alliance Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to replace Jim Goerke who is retiring from the Alliance this September 2023. The Job posting for the CAO will be posted on the NENA WEBSITE. Proposition 8 – to be included in the November 2023 ballot - "The constitutional amendment creating the Broadband Infrastructure Fund (BIF) to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects." Funds in the BIF could only be used for expanding broadband and telecommunications across the state, including projects like 911 and Next Generation 911 Services, the Pole Replacement Program, matching funds for federal money for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, and expanding access to broadband services in economically distressed communities. This Bill would take effect on January 1, 2024, if this amendment passes (HJR 125). Another topic discussed was an FCC:NG911 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) which would require all Originating Service Providers (Telephone Companies) to deliver wireline calls via Internet Protocol (IP). In order for the ESINET and NGCS to be fully functional all calls must be delivered via IP. Alma Linda Chavez, Board Member Charles Hoskins, Jr., and myself attended the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) in Nashville, TN. At the start of the conference, an announcement was made that CEO Derek Poarch who has led APCO since 2011 is retiring this year and APCO's Chief Technology Officer, Melvin Maier will be the next CEO. We met with Vendors' in the Exhibit Hall and specifically we met with vendors that provided Panic Button solutions to clarify the ability of their solutions to deliver a Panic Button Call directly to the 9-1-1 PSAP's and not to the Schools Administrative Offices. There are vendors out there selling Panic Button solutions that do not go directly to 9-1-1 PSAP's when their Panic Button

is activated. We attended sessions on Cybersecurity for Public Safety Communications, Protecting the PSAP's from Cyber Attacks, Leadership Development Skills, APCO's Vision for NG9-1-1 and Resources to Help ECC's Prepare, PSAP Evolution from Legacy to NG911, Exploring Real Time Text, Important Considerations when Purchasing Aerial Imagery, Telephony Denial of Service Attacks, AT&T FirstNet Solutions as a backup network during Hurricanes, GIS mapping and data portal. David Furth, Deputy Chief of the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, in his presentation said that device-based hybrid technology has replaced assisted GPS as the location approach used for about 80% of 911 calls made in the industry's six-city testbed. The goal for public-safety agencies is for wireless 911 calls to deliver a dispatchable location for the caller, so dispatchers can give first responders the most practical location to find the emergency caller. 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 the building addition is complete and all invoice have been paid out. Building Fund bank account will be closed. Fallen Heroes Memorial will be inspected this afternoon with payment for services thereafter. Generators are up and running in case of a disaster. UPS staff from San Antonio will be back to program each generator to run 30 minutes on Monday's starting at 8:00 am and 8:30 am. 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. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 8.           AT&T Report  
Mr. Moreno reported the progress on the ESINet transition. Routers for all three locations have been shipped to CCECD. Techs will install as soon as they arrive. Hopefully by September, AT&T will be doing the line-ups and everything seems to be falling within the timeline. Techs are currently working on connectivity of the VTX1 circuit for fiber internet at STEC. A motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 9.           Board Committee  
No report. Mr. Aston made a motion to table this item. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 10.          Legal Counsel Report  
Mr. Pequeno reported that ESINet switch and billing is coming up soon. Mr. Pequeno has received a 'Freedom of Information Act Request' and will be requesting clarification prior to responding. A motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 11.          Consideration and possible action on request by SpaceX to change addresses at Starbase, Texas and SpaceX Corp. At the request of SpaceX for this item, a motion

to table was made by Mr. Hoskins. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. Consideration and Approval to Renew a one-year agreement with ONSOLVE (CodeRed®) technology in Cameron County for certain emergencies, utilizing the established 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Number Service (ETNS), and County-Wide Launcher for Early Warning Notification System (EWNS) Protocol, with the existing Interlocal Agreements with PSAPs, Cameron County Emergency Management, and the Valley Municipal Utility District No. 2. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Aston. 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 10:52 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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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