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COUNTY OF CAMERON

CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 18, 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, October 18, 2023.

Present:

Board Members: Mario Prado (President), Bill Aston (Vice-President), Henry Etheridge and

Gabriel Garza

Board Members Absent: Charles Hoskins, Jr. and Gabriel Moreno

Executive Directors: J. Davila and A. Chavez Corporate Counsel: Juan M. Pequeno

Others: R. Cruz, J. Garcia, and A. Castillo (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".)

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. 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 September (20, 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. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)

Mr. Davila presented the October 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. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Financial Report (& Banking Report)

Mr. Davila provided an update on the financial banking. Motion made by Mr. Garza 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

Alma Linda Chavez and myself attended the Texas 911 Alliance Directors Meeting on October 4,2023. Discussed was the Chief Administrative Officer(CAO) screening committee recommendations over what they consider to be the Top 5 applicants. After discussion among all Executive Directors present, it was agreed that further discussion and narrowing down of the CAO's qualifications had to be agreed on and clarified. All Texas Alliance Executive Directors have access to all resumes submitted and we will all discuss how to narrow down field of applicants and possibly make a final recommendation on CAO candidate. We will probably fill vacancy during our December 2023 Alliance Meeting. Also discussed at the Alliance Meeting was replacement on two committees that Jim Goerke was a member of, National Association of State 911 Administrators(NASNA) and 9-1-1 Strategic Alignment Committee (91-1-SAC). Directors will be considering who to appoint to these two committees. The Alliance is also in the middle of updating our operational guidelines and revising Alliance Mission Statement. Kudos to our Staff (Rafael Cruz, Jr., Joe Garcia, Jr., Alma Linda Chavez and the rest of our staff) that worked with AT&T, Motorola, and Intrado teams to fully implement the ESINET. Cutover of all our PSAP's to the ESINET were successfully completed on October 5. 2023. As always when implementing a new ESINET there is some fine tuning of data that doesn't affect operations of 9-1-1 call being received and processed. The next step in regards to the ESINET is exchanging our internal Universal Resource Identifier(URI) with our neighboring Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District to transfer calls seamlessly to any PSAP in Hidalgo and Willacy County. This means that any 9-1-1 calls transferred between our Districts will now include the Automatic Location Identifier(ALI) and the Automatic Number Identification(ANI) as if they or us had received the call at our own PSAP and carry all call information. Next on the list is implementing a Cybersecurity Solution together with a Network Monitoring Solution. After this we are going into installation of the new AT&T Call Handling Equipment (CHE) plus the additional Training PSAP furniture and workstation to be added to our building's new addition and replacing the AT&T 9-1-1 Local network from a copper based system to all Fiber based solution so any

future bandwidth growth requirements will be handled seamlessly on our fiber network. This concludes my report. GIS Report was presented by Rafael Cruz (GIS Department) and Mr. Davila presented April Castillo as the new Public Education Specialist for the District. The Public Education Report was presented by April Castillo, and Training Report by Joe Garcia. Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the said Director's Report as presented by Mr. Davila, GIS Report, Public Education, and the Training Report. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. AT&T Report

Mr. Moreno was not present. Mr. Davila read an email from Mr. Moreno stating the ESINET was fully implemented and that the project manager assigned was working on ensuring everything is working properly. A motion to table was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. Board Committee

Mr. Aston recommended that the San Benito fallen officer be added to the Cameron County Memorial for the "Fallen Heroes" monument located at the Dancy Building in Brownsville Texas. Mr. Prado made a motion to acknowledge this item. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Pequeno informed the Board of Managers since the ESINET's implementation the billing will start and the district will seek reimbursements from CSEC. CSEC reimbursement submittals are due by the 5th of the month and entities will be reimbursed quarterly. A motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 11. Consideration and Acknowledgement of Presentation by Ronnie Tavarez, Wealth Advisor Investment Management with Frost Brokerage Services. Mr. Tavarez presented information regarding the investment portfolio along with the 3rd Quarter Public Investment Report (July through September 2023) to the Board of Managers. After a brief discussion, a motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 12.
- Item 12. Consideration and Approval to change our elected rate for 2024, as presented by Erika Aguirre with Texas County & District Retirement System. A motion to approve to reduce the elected rate to 12% was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 4.
- Item 13. Consideration and Approval for the 2024 Operational Budget and Capital Budget. Item 13. was tabled temporarily so that Item 14 and 15 could be addressed first since they may impact the Capital Budget. At 11:13 A.M., a motion was made by Mr. Etheridge to move to Executive Session to discuss Item 14. Seconded by Mr. Garza. The motion carried unanimously. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 15, a. A motion to return to open session was made at 11:30 A.M. by Mr. Etheridge. Seconded by Mr. Garza. The motion carried unanimously. After discussion, the

Board of Managers requested that the approved salaries as per Item 16.a. and changes to the health insurance premiums be included in the proposed budget. During this item, Board Member Garza, stepped out briefly from the open session from 11:35 to 11:42 A.M. A motion to table approval of the Operational and Capital Budget pending updates of the approved salaries and possible increases in health insurance premiums was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 16.

- Item 14. Consideration, Review, and Approval for employee salaries for 2024. Item was discussed during the closed session in Item 15. a., and action was taken on the closed meeting item as noted on Item 16. a. during the open meeting.
- 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.
 - a. Consultation with legal counsel and Board of Managers regarding Operational and Capital Budget, and Employee Salaries at CCECD. (TX. GOV'T CODE 551.071, 551.074). Possible Action, if any, in Open Meeting. The Board of Managers went into executive session at 11:13 and at 11:26 A.M. the executive session was concluded and the Board returned to the open meeting for discussion of ltem 14.
- Item 16. Open Meeting:
 - a. Possible action on Closed Meeting Items. Item 14, after discussion, a motion was made to Approve an increase in Employee salaries by 6%, by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 17. Adjournment. At 11:50 A.M., a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved this 15th day of November, 2023.

Approved:

Mario M. Prado, President of the Board of Managers

Approved:

Bill Aston, Vice President of the Board of Managers