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**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2024**

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 17, 2024.

Present:

Board Members: Mario Prado (President), Bill Aston (Vice-President), Albert De La Rosa, Gabriel Garza, Charles Hoskins, Jr. and Valentin Ramirez
Board Members Absent: None.
Executive Directors: J. Davila and A. Chavez
Corporate Counsel: Juan M. Pequeno
Others: R. Cruz, and E. Espitia (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 (5 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 March (20, 2024) Regular Board Meeting Minutes.** Signature will be obtained from Mr. Prado, President, and document to be forwarded to Valentin Ramirez, Secretary, for the same purpose. Motion made by Mr. Aston to approve the said Regular Board Meeting Minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa.

The motion carried unanimously.

Item 5.

Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)

Mr. Davila presented the April Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills, after discussion by the Board; a motion was made by Mr. Hoskins 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 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 7.

Executive Director's Report

Alma Linda Chavez and myself attended the Texas 9-1-1 Director's Meeting on April 3, 2024, in Dallas, Texas. Discussed was the proposal for the Alliance to engage Texas A&M ITEC Director, Dr. Walt Magnussen, to do a Public Polling study on 9-1-1 fees and present the results to the State Legislative Budget Board for the next Texas Legislature Biennium. Also discussed was the adoption of a Texas 9-1-1 Alliance Mission Statement plus approval of Alliance Budget and Operational Guidelines.

CSEC (Commission on State Emergency Communications) just deposited \$1,183,372.60 directly into our bank account yesterday of the State Prop. 8/HB9 Grant money. The other half of our money will be deposited on September 15, 2024. I have signed the required forms and reports to acknowledge receipt of money to be used for 9-1-1 purposes only as intended by the State Legislature.

Motorola Technicians are on-site in Harlingen this week and together with AT&T Technicians are doing software upgrades for the VESTA system. This software upgrades, other switches, and hardware equipment installations will run through July 2024. After this date, new Cisco routers will also be scheduled for installation and programming during August, 2024. Tentative project completion of all CHE, Software, associated routers, and switches to include the Training PSAP here in our building is scheduled for September 7, 2024.

Joe Garcia and April Castillo plus five personnel from 5 different PSAP's are attending a two-day training seminar in San Antonio today and tomorrow titled "Is the Caller the Killer?" Thirty percent of all murderers call 9-1-1 pretending to be innocent. During this course, participants will learn the indicators of guilt and indicators of innocence to predict the caller's involvement in the offense. Actual homicide calls/cases will be analyzed by the students to learn and gain the skills necessary to get the truth in murder cases.

We met with the principal partner, Matthew Montemayor at Carr, Riggs, & Ingram and they will be starting our annual audit next month. The Federal Grant money will require a separate audit. They will present their audit report to our Board of Directors around July or August of this year. This concludes my report.

GIS Report was presented by Rafael Cruz, the Public Education Report and Training Report by Mr. Davila. Motion was 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. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 8. AT&T Report
Mr. Ramirez reported they are starting to install the router at Harlingen EMS. A motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins

- Item 9. Board Committee
Mr. Hoskins thanked CCECD and April Castillo for assisting the sheriff's office with the public education events held at various schools. A motion to acknowledge was made Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 10. Legal Counsel Report
Mr. Pequeno had nothing to report to the Board. A motion to table was made by Mr. Hoskins. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 11. Consideration and Approval to change June's regular Meeting of the Board of Managers from June 19th, a district holiday, to June 12th. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried unanimously.

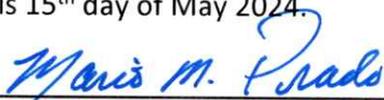
- Item 12. Closed Meeting for Discussion of Any Item on the Agenda as may be permitted by Subchapter D of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. There were no items for discussion in closed meeting.

- Item 13. Adjournment. At 10:28 A.M., a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Garza. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 15th day of May 2024.

Approved:



Mario M. Prado, President of the Board of Managers

Approved:



Valentin Ramirez, Secretary of the Board of Managers

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