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**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2025**

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, January 15, 2025.

Present:

Board Members: Mario Prado (President), Bill Aston (Vice-President), Albert De La Rosa, Jorge Martinez, and Valentin Ramirez

Board Members Absent: Gabriel Garza

Executive Directors: J. Davila and A. Chavez

Corporate Counsel: Juan M. Pequeno

Others: R. Cruz, A. Castillo, and J. Garcia, (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. Then, 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 4.
- Item 4. Swearing-in of (re-appointment) CCECD Board Members Albert De La Rosa, City of Brownsville, Gabriel Garza, Brownsville Fire Department, and Jorge Martinez, Cameron County Sheriff's Office pursuant to Tex. Const. Art. XVI, § 1 (Vernon Supp. 2016) (Official Oath). Official Oath administered to Albert De La Rosa and Jorge Martinez to reappoint and reinstate board members, officiated by Alma Linda Chavez, a Notary of the State of Texas and for CCECD. Gabriel Garza was not present at the meeting. No additional action necessary.

Item 5. Approval of January (15, 2025) Regular Board Meeting Minutes. 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. Signature will be obtained from Mr. Prado, President, and document to be forwarded to Valentin Ramirez, Secretary, for the same purpose.

Item 6. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)
Mr. Davila presented the January 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. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. Financial and Banking Reports
Mr. Davila provided an update on the financial banking reports. A motion was 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 8. Executive Director's Report
Mr. Davila stated as follows: Alma Linda Chavez and myself attended the Texas 9-1-1 Alliance Directors meeting held in Dallas, Texas on January 8, 2025. A vote was taken to confirm Mark Brown and Mike Hayes to represent the Texas 9-1-1 Alliance on the Emergency Communications Advisory Committee (ECAC). This ECAC assists the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) in coordinating the development, implementation, and management of an interconnected, state-level emergency services Internet Protocol network (State-level ESInet). As defined in Health and Safety Code §771.0511(a)(2), the State-level ESInet is used for communications between and among Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and other entities that support or are supported by PSAPs in providing emergency call handling and response, and will be a part of the Texas Next Generation Emergency Communications System. Blakemore Public Affairs is leading the effort to help the Districts in our efforts to get a rate increase so we do not have to depend on biannual grants from the State Legislature every session. During the January 28, 2025 CSEC meeting the results of the Texas Tech Survey for a wireless fee increase will be presented to CSEC by the Texas Tech authors of the study. We want to make sure that all 9-1-1 entities (20-Regional Planning Commissions, 29-Municipal ECD's, & 28-ECD's) in Texas are aware of our legislative efforts for a rate increase. The 9-1-1 Goes To Austin event will be held on February 3rd and 4th this year. This event is an educational opportunity that allows participants to attend workshops and share information about 9-1-1 with your local elected officials at the State Capitol. The Texas Alliance's law firm finalized the TikTok policy model for all Districts to use and we have included the policy for approval by our Board of Directors in our January 15, 2025 Agenda. Our all new Fiber 9-1-1 network implementation is in the works now and so far everything is going well. Target date for completion and implementation of this AT&T Fiber network is April 25, 2025. This concludes my report.

The GIS Report was presented by Rafael Cruz, the Public Education Report was presented by April Castillo, and the Training Report by Joe Garcia. Motion was made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the said Director's Report as presented by Mr. Davila, GIS,

Public Education, and the Training Reports. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. AT&T Report

Mr. Ramirez reported that the Palo Alto Firewall project has been installed and completed for the three sites, Camelot, Harlingen PD and Harlingen EMS. AT&T has been working on a training package and materials for some McAllen technicians. They will have the opportunity to provide additional help on the 'On-Call' tickets, who will be included to work on the 9-1-1 Network. Point-to-Point Fiber will be completed on Thursday, which will be from Harlingen EMS to Harlingen PD. This provides a link between the two servers, identifies when one is down, and determines which one becomes primary, among many other functions. A motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. Board Committee

Mr. Aston expressed his appreciation to Joe Garcia for facilitating the presentation to PSAP supervisors on the importance of emergency transfers of stroke victims. Dr. Hassan will address the topic during the January PSAP Supervisor's Meeting. A motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Pequeno informed the Board of Managers, that he and Alma prepared and submitted the Proposition 8 Annual Report and the use of those funds. The vast majority of the funds have been expended and the remaining are to be used by the end of first quarter of 2025. CCECD's Federal SB8 Grant Fund Application was amended to reflect the Project Plan and Budget shifting of funds to include that had been previously approved by CSEC. All contracts for these services with vendors have been executed. A quarterly report is due to CSEC by the end of this week with details obligating all funds awarded to the District. These funds will be used by the end of the year. A motion to acknowledge legal counsel's report was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. Consideration and Approval of Resolution 2025-1 Adopting the Cameron County Emergency Communication District Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy prohibiting the use of TikTok and certain other social media applications and services on governmental and state devices, pursuant to Texas Senate Bill 1893. After a brief discussion regarding the new policy, a motion to approve was made by Mr. Aston. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. Adjournment. At 11:08 A.M., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously.

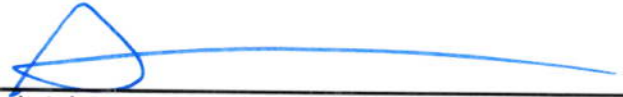
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Approved this 19th day of February, 2025.

Approved:



Gabriel Garza, Member of the Board of Managers

Approved:



Valentin Ramirez, Secretary of the Board of Managers

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