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CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2016

The Board Of Managers of the Cameron County Emergency Communication District (CCECD) met at the South Texas Emergency Care Foundation (STECF) Board Room, located at 1705 Vermont Avenue, Harlingen, Texas, at 10:00 A.M., on Wednesday, February 17, 2016.

Present:

Board Members: B. Aston, D. Diaz, S. Ortega, M. Prado & R. Rodriguez (& I. Bramlett)
Board Members Absent: None
Directors: S. Barajas, J. Davila
Corporate Counsel: B. Janis
Others: A. Garrido (County), R. Garcia (Frost Bank)

Item 1. Call to Order.

Call to order at 10:00 A.M. to open the meeting, and to confirm the existence of a quorum (of five).

Item 2. Swearing-in of Mario Prado, Bill Aston and Raul Rodriguez as Members of the Board Of Managers, for a term that extends to January, 2018, in accordance with Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. § 772.306 (Vernon 2010) (Board Of Managers).

Corporate Counsel (B. Janis) reiterated the process of the swearing-in of CCECD Board Members, involving staggered terms of office alternating every other year, in accordance with the foregoing statute; as requested, Corporate Counsel (B. Janis) administered the oaths of office, in accordance with Tex. Const. art. XVI, § 1, with a Notary Public (with STECF), Vonda Pagel, notarizing the Oaths Of Office that were recited, on forms prepared by Corporate Counsel, during which, Messrs. Aston, Prado and Rodriguez were "sworn-in" for a two-year term (to 2018). The Board then proceeded, as requested by Ms. Barajas, to Item 15 (at 10:14 a.m., which concluded at 10:44 a.m.).

Item 3. Approval of January (01-20-2016) Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to approve the January (01-20-2016) Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow Report).

Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to approve the bills and to acknowledge the Cash Flow Report as presented (by Ms. Barajas). Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Approval of Budget Amendments.

Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to table this item, as there was nothing for the Board to consider at this time. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Financial (& Banking) Report.

Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the report (by Ms. Barajas), it being indicated that CCECD funds (that day) were \$7,728,716.50. Seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. Director's Report.

Motion made by Mr. Ortega to acknowledge the Director's Report (by Ms. Barajas), which addressed a litany of CCECD matters. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. AT&T Report.

Motion made by Mr. Aston to table this item, as there was nothing for the Board to consider at this time. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. Board Committee Report.

Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to acknowledge a report about the following matters: (a) Mr. Aston addressed the Expense Report, such that the reimbursement for a CCECD-related trip be paid to Silbia Barajas, Joel Davila and the CCECD Board Members who attended the program or function at issue; (b) Mr. Rodriguez noted that the Emergency Telephone Number Service (ETNS) is working well; and (c) various members of the Board addressed a plaque (or a "logo") for the new CCECD (Headquarters) Building, as well as having a "gallery" of photographs of CCECD Board Members, officers and the like, going back to November 1, 1988 (or so). Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. Counsel's Report.

Motion made by Mr. Diaz to acknowledge the report (by Mr. Janis) about certain legal issues in connection with the swearing-in of certain Board Members, the La Paloma fire and explosion, the Annual Audit and Report, moving to the new CCECD Building, and recent FCC rulings (as well as other items on this Agenda). Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. NG 9-1-1 Report.

Motion made by Mr. Aston to acknowledge the report (by Ms. Barajas) about a Public Safety Broadband Network. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. Consideration and Action on the construction of

a building for CCECD, involving the design of the (proposed) building, as prepared by Meg Jorn, AIA, LEED AP, RID, IIDA, with Megamorphosis, Inc., and the construction of the (new) CCECD (Headquarters) Building, by Haraway Construction, Inc., as represented by Will Haraway, Principal, in accordance with the CCECD-HCI Cost-Plus Percentage Construction Agreement.

Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the report about the status of construction, in which it was anticipated that, on or about April 1, 2016, or perhaps May 1, 2016, the new CCECD Building should be "ready," which will require a notice letter to the County regarding changes as to the Addressing Project documents, and a payment to discharge pre-sale taxes assessed against the property upon which the CCECD Building is located. Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. Consideration and Action on Addressing Project Service/Project Agreements.

Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to acknowledge the report (by Mr. Janis, which will involve a letter of CCECD, to be drafted by Corporate Counsel, to advise Cameron County that CCECD will "take over" the project and maintain the "mapping," for Cameron County, as to "emergency communications" and the like, while the County will resume road addressing, plats, subdivisions and other County mapping needs, which will involve a notice to the County). Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 14. Consideration and Action on (Executive) Directors and Dispatchers attending the APCO/TENA 2016 Conference in Galveston, Texas, from April 3, 2016 to April 6, 2016.

Motion made by Mr. Aston to authorize the CCECD (Executive) Directors and Dispatchers to attend the APCO/TENA 2016 Conference in Galveston, Texas, from April 3, 2016 to April 6, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 15. Consideration and Action on CCECD investing in U.S. Treasury Funds, in lieu of Certificates of Deposit, which will be addressed by Raul Garcia, Wealth Advisor, with Frost Bank.

Motion made by Mr. Aston to acknowledge the report made by Raul Garcia about CCECD investing in U.S. Treasury Funds, in lieu of Certificates Of Deposit, in contemplation of studying this matter, and acting on this matter at the next CCECD (03-16-2016) Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Prado. (After this Item was discussed, the Board returned to Agenda Item No. 3, and continued with the remainder of the Agenda Items for this meeting).

Item 16. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Rodriguez at 11:36 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 16th day of March, 2016.

Approved: Mario M. Prado
President, Board Of Managers

By: Don G. O'Connell
Secretary, Board Of Managers