

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1
Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 16, 2025

The following Commissioners were present: Mark McCaleb, Ramon “Monse” Montalvo, Jennifer Rektorik and James A. Vos

In addition, the following people were present: Richard S. Talbert, Attorney, Brandon Lau (Frost Bank), Chief Antonio Lopez (Weslaco Fire Department), and Robert Grado (Website Design)

- I. Meeting was called to order and quorum established at 12:05 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes of May 12, 2025, meeting – After review and discussion, Commissioner Montalvo moved to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Rektorik. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. Public Comments – None were presented.
- IV. New Business – discussion and possible action
 - A. Financial Report for May 2025 – After review and discussion, Commissioner Montalvo moved to accept the Financial Report as presented and file it for audit, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Bills to be Paid – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to pay the bills as follows: (1) \$107.32 to Richard Talbert for reimbursement of Food Supplies for June 16, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Montalvo. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. Other Business - discussion and possible action
 - A. Correspondence
 - 1. Paul Villarreal, Jr., Tax Assessor-Collector – Monthly Collection Report – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
 - 2. Paul Villarreal, Jr., Tax Assessor-Collector – Proration Refund Check – Mr. Talbert reported that the District had received a check for \$0.14 representing a prorated refund and that the check would be deposited in the Rio Bank account. After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
 - 3. Hidalgo County Appraisal District – 2024 Audited Annual Financial Report and 2024 Excess of Expenditures Refund – Mr. Talbert reported that as per the Appraisal District 2024 Audit that the District had received a check for \$145.90 representing the 2024 assessment refund and that the check would be deposited in the Rio Bank account. After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.

4. Hidalgo County Appraisal District – 2025 Entity Assessment – 3rd Quarter – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- B. City of Weslaco – Interlocal Governmental Agreement – Ambulance Services (IGAAS) - Status report on current IGAAS from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2026; Approval of quarterly contract payment for period January, February and March 2025 – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to authorize the quarterly payment for January, February and March, 2025 in the amount of \$80,625.00 to the City, seconded by Commissioner Montalvo. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Hidalgo County Ad Hoc Committee on Emergency Services – discussion and possible action on proceedings related to county-wide review of provision of emergency services vis a vis existing Emergency Service Districts and related funding mechanisms within the District and Hidalgo County – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- D. Increase in Authorized Tax Rate – Approval of expenses to Upper Valley Mail Services L.L.C. associated with the mailing of educational materials for the May 3, 2025 election – discussion of future options for potential election – After review and discussion, Commissioner Montalvo moved to pay Upper Valley Mail Services L.L.C. in the amount of \$992.31 related to the May 3, 2025, election, seconded by Commissioner Rektorik. Motion carried unanimously. The Commissioners then discussed the options for future rate increase elections but no action was taken.
- E. Designated Bank Depositories – Review of status of accounts and possible restructuring/renewal of accounts and designation of District depositories – Mr. Brandon Lau (guest) collected the required signatures and funds to open Account No. 13113 for a new Certificate of Deposit with an initial deposit of \$230,000.00 at 3.89% interest rate to mature in 90 days as previously approved by the Board. After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- F. Attorney's Fees for collection of delinquent property taxes - Status Report and authorization to pay current attorney fees on delinquent tax collection accounts as per collection reports from Hidalgo County Tax Office and statements from Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to pay \$240.72 for May 2025, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts/SAFE-D – membership, training requirements available, reporting requirements and related matters, including reimbursement of expenses incurred by Commissioners in participating in required training – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- H. Website – status on establishment of website – Mr. Robert Grado (Website Designer) reviewed the status of the website with the Board and discussed possible

options and changes. After review and discussion, Commission Rektorik moved to purchase the domain name [hidalgocountyesd1.org], website hosting services and private registration and domain security for same through Wix for a three-year term for a total expense of \$539.30. Instructions were also given to Mr. Grado to complete the setup process as per discussions on additions needed and the need to complete setting up an e-mail address via Google Business for the individual Board members. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously.

- I. Status update on 2024 Audit – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
 - J. Consideration of recommendation to Hidalgo County Commissioner David Fuentes on the appointment of a new Commissioner – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- VI. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the announcement that the next regular scheduled meeting would be July 21, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD S. TALBERT, Attorney for Hidalgo
County Emergency Services District No. 1

APPROVED:

JENNIFER REKTORIK, Secretary / Treasurer

Date: July _____, 2025