

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1
Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 17, 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

- I. Meeting was called to order and quorum established at 12:10 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes of February 17, 2025, meeting – After review and discussion, Commissioner Montalvo moved to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. Public Comments – None were presented.
- IV. New Business – discussion and possible action
 - A. Financial Report for February 2025 – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to accept the Financial Report as presented and file it for audit, seconded by Commissioner Montalvo. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Bills to be Paid - After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to pay the bills as follows: (1) \$115.10 to Richard Talbert for reimbursement of Food Supplies for meeting March 17, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Vos. 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. Hidalgo County Appraisal District – 2025 Entity Assessment, 2nd Quarter – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
 3. Montalvo Insurance – General Liability Insurance coverage renewal for period 3/30/25 to 3/30/26 – Commissioner Montalvo abstained from discussion and vote After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to renew the coverage with the same terms and conditions as present coverage and to authorize payment of the annual premium in the amount of \$1,160.08, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried with Commissioner Montalvo abstaining.

- B. City of Weslaco – Interlocal Governmental Agreement – Ambulance Services (IGAAS) - Status report on current IGAAS from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2026 – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- C. Hidalgo County Precinct 1 – discussion and possible action on potential interlocal governmental agreement relating to provision of emergency services and related funding mechanisms within the District and the Precinct – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- D. 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, potential new Emergency Service District for western Hidalgo County, and possible unification of all Emergency Service Districts on a county-wide basis and other possible matters related to relating to provision of emergency services and related funding mechanisms within the District and Hidalgo County –After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- E. Increase in Authorized Tax Rate - discussion and possible action on status of election to be held May 3, 2025, in association with the Hidalgo County Elections Office to seek an increase in the maximum authorized tax rate for the District in accordance with the provisions of Section 775.0745 of the Texas Health & Safety Code – The Commissioners held a discussion on the education of District residents relating to the election, including noting that while the District has a duty to educate its residents that it cannot promote voting for or against the proposition before the voters. After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- F. Designated Bank Depositories – Review of status of accounts and possible restructuring/renewal of accounts and designation of District depositories – After review and discussion, Commissioner Montalvo moved to authorize the District's attorney to coordinate and take all necessary action to open a new Certificate of Deposit with Texas National Bank for a period of 12 months at the interest rate of 4.3292% with all interest earned thereon to be added to the balance of such Certificate as it is earned and paid on a quarterly basis in the amount of \$150,000.00 with the signature authority on such Public Funds Certificate to require two (2) signatures of the following: Mark McCaleb – President, Ramon Montalvo – Vice President and Jennier Rektorik – Secretary-Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. 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 \$308.29 for February 2025, seconded by Commissioner Montalvo. Motion carried unanimously.

- H. 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.
 - I. Website – status on establishment of website – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
 - J. Status update on 2024 Audit – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
 - K. 2025 Budget – Status Report – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
 - L. 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 adjourned with the announcement that the next regular meeting scheduled would be April 21, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED:

JENNIFER REKTORIK, Secretary / Treasurer
Date: April _____, 2025