

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1
Minutes of Special Meeting of May 12, 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 12:05 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes of April 21, 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 April 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) \$107.32 to Richard Talbert for reimbursement of Food Supplies for meeting May 12, 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.
 - 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 of EMS Rural 911 Report, Commissioner Vos moved to instruct attorney, Richard S. Talbert, to send a letter to Fire Department Chief Antonio Lopez requesting full addresses with city on each call and total calls received by Fire Department, seconded by Commissioner Montalvo. Motion carried. No further action was required or taken.
 - 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. Canvassing of Results of election on May 3, 2025 related to possible increase in maximum authorized Tax Rate - discussion and possible action on canvassing of election results held May 3, 2025, including of possible approval Canvassing Order based on results provided by the Hidalgo County Elections Office – After review and discussion of the fact that the proposition failed so that the maximum tax rate for the District remains at \$0.03/\$100 valuation, Commissioner Montalvo moved to approve the Canvassing Order as presented, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Designated Bank Depositories – Review of status of accounts and possible restructuring/renewal of accounts and designation of District depositories – Commissioner Montalvo abstained from discussion and voting. After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to authorize the District’s attorney to coordinate and take all necessary action to open a new Certificate of Deposit with Frost Bank for a period of 90 days at the interest rate of 3.95% 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 \$230,000.00 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 Rektorik. Motion carried. NOTE: Since Freedom Bank had submitted a proposal, Commissioner Montalvo abstained from discussion or voting on this matter.
- 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 Vos moved to pay \$312.02 for April 2025, seconded by Commissioner Montalvo. 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, Mr. Talbert reminded all the commissioners that to date only Commissioner Montalvo had completed the training and delivered the necessary certification thereof. Commissioner McCaleb noted that he had completed the training and had the certification which he will deliver for filing soon. Otherwise, no further action was required or taken.
- H. Website – status on establishment of website – After review and discussion, the Commissioners asked attorney, Richard S. Talbert, to invite Mr. Robert Grado to the meeting of the board to discuss next steps.
- 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.

V. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with the announcement that the next meeting would be June 16, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED:

JENNIFER REKTORIK, Secretary / Treasurer

Date: June _____, 2025