

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1
Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 26, 2026

The following Commissioners were present: Mark McCaleb, Jennifer Rektorik and James A. Vos

In addition, the following persons were present: Richard S. Talbert, Attorney and Manuel Garcia, CPA (Garcia & Pena)

- I. Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2026, and May 18, 2026, meetings – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik 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 May 2026 – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik 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) \$137.44 to Richard Talbert for Food Supplies for meeting on May 18, 2026, and (2) \$105.90 to Richard Talbert for Food Supplies for meeting on June 26, 2026, 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. Laura Hinojosa, Hidalgo County District Clerk – Excess Proceeds – Mr. Talbert advised the Commissioners that the a for \$177.57 as excess proceeds on a tax foreclosure sale had been received and had been deposited to the Rio Bank account. After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
 3. Hidalgo County Appraisal District – 2027 Proposed Budget – 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 2026; Status of extending current IGAAS relating to ambulance services after September 30, 2026, and entering into new contract relating to rural fire calls for 2027 calendar year – Commissioner McCaleb updated the Board on the status of negotiations with the City of Weslaco on both ambulance services and fire services. After review and discussion, 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 (ambulance and fire) 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 – Discussion of future options for potential election – After review and discussion concerning options for future elections, no further action was required or taken.
- E. Designated Bank Depositories – Review of status of accounts and possible restructuring/renewal of accounts and designation of District depositories – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to authorize the District's attorney to coordinate and take all necessary action to renew Certificate No. 4500001272 with Greater State Bank which matured on June 19, 2026, for a period of 6 months at a stated interest rate of 3.45% with all interest earned to be added to the balance of such Certificate as it is earned and paid on a quarterly basis with the continuing signature authority on such Public Funds Certificate requiring two (2) signatures of the following: Mark McCaleb – President, Ramon Montalvo – Vice President and Jennifer Rektorik – Secretary-Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously.
- 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 \$293.19 for May 2026, seconded by Commissioner Rektorik. 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. Status on recommendation to Hidalgo County Commissioner David Fuentes on the re-appointment of three (3) Commissioners for additional two (2) year term from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027 – Mr. Talbert advised the Commissioners that all reappointments had been approved by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court on March 31, 2026. After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.

- I. Status update on 2025 Audit and possible approval – [NOTE: This item was taken up immediately after confirmation of a quorum as a convenience for Mr. Garcia]. Mr. Manuel Garcia, CPA with Garcia & Pena, presented the 2025 Audit and related correspondence to and reviewed them with the Commissioners noting that the Audit was a clean report. After review and discussion of the Audit, Commissioner Rektorik moved to accept the Audit as presented, to authorize Commissioner McCaleb to execute the Management Letter and to authorize payment of \$3,100.00 to Garcia & Pena, CPA's, in accordance with the prior engagement letter, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Talbert advised the Board that copies of the Audit would be provided to Hidalgo County (County Judge and Treasurer) in accordance with the requirements of the Health & Safety Code.
- J. 2026 Tax Rate – discussion on preliminary issues – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- K. 2027 Budget – discussion on preliminary issues – 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 on July 20, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED:

JENNIFER REKTORIK, Secretary / Treasurer

Date: July _____, 2026