

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1
Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 8, 2025

The following Commissioners were present: Mark McCaleb, Ramon 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 was established at 12:10 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes of August 18, 2025, meeting – 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 August 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) \$106.57 to Richard Talbert for reimbursement for food supplies for September 8, 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 – As no report was available, no further action was required or taken.
 - 2. Paul Villarreal, Jr., Tax Assessor-Collector – Annual Tax Collection Report – July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
 - 3. Montalvo Insurance – Public Officials Policy (03/30/25 – 03/30/26) – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to authorize President McCaleb to sign Renewal Application to obtain renewal quote, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried. Commissioner Montalvo abstained from all discussion and voting.
 - 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 April, May and June 2025 – Mr. Talbert advised the Board that the quarterly statement had not been received. 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 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 payment relating to 2025 Hidalgo County Elections Contract with the Hidalgo County Elections Department for May 3, 2025 election – Confirmation of receipt of payment and discussion of future options for potential election – Mr. Talbert advised the Board that the receipt for payment has been received. After review and discussion, 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 Vos moved to authorize the District's attorney to coordinate and take all necessary action to renew Certificate No. 13113 with Frost Bank which will mature on September 14, 2025, for a period 90 days at a stated interest rate of 3.60% 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 the 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 Montalvo. 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 – As no invoice was received, no further action was required or taken.
- 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. Consideration of recommendation to Hidalgo County Commissioner David Fuentes on the appointment of a new Commissioner – After review and discussion, Commissioner Montalvo moved to recommend Joe Leal for appointment and for Mr. Talbert to forward a letter to David L. Fuentes, Hidalgo County Commissioner Precinct 1, confirming the recommendation and requesting their presentation to the entire Hidalgo County Commissioners Court for approval, seconded by Commissioner Rektorik. Motion carried unanimously.
- I. Adoption of 2025 Tax Rate – discussion and action on adopting 2025 Tax Rate in accordance with required publication of Small Unit Tax Notice and authorization to

pay Advance Publishing for related publication expense – Mr. Talbert advised the Board that the required Small Unit Tax Notice had been published in the Advance News as required by the Texas Tax Code. Commissioner Rektorik then moved to authorize payment to Advance Publishing for \$147.00 for the publication of the required Small Unit Tax Notice, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Talbert then presented the proposed Resolution 2025-02 setting the 2024 tax rate at \$0.0240 as previously proposed by the Commission and published as required by the provisions of the Texas Property Tax Code. After review and discussion, Commissioner Montalvo moved to adopt Resolution 2025-02 setting the 2024 tax rate at \$0.0240 as set forth in such Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Rektorik. Mr. Talbert then polled the Commissioners individually and recorded each vote in Resolution 2025-02 with all Commissioners present voting “FOR” the motion. President McCaleb and Secretary-Treasurer Rektorik then signed Resolution 2025-02 and Mr. Talbert was instructed to deliver such Resolution to Paul Villarreal, Jr., Hidalgo County Tax-Assessor Collector

- V. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with the announcement that the next regular meeting was scheduled for October 20, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED:

JENNIFER REKTORIK, Secretary / Treasurer

Date: October _____, 2025