

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1
Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 15, 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 12:05 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2025, meeting – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Montalvo. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. Public Comments – None were presented.
- IV. New Business – discussion and possible action
 - A. Financial Report for November 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] \$205.78 to Richard Talbert for reimbursement of Food Supplies for December 15, 2025, meeting, [2] \$4,730.78 to Richard Talbert for Attorney Fees for 4th Quarter 2025 (October-December) and [3] the Commissioner Compensation for 2025 as follows: (a) Mark McCaleb – 21 meetings for a total of \$1,050.00, (b) Ramon Montalvo – 20 meetings for a total of \$1,000.00, (c) Jennifer Rektorik – 11 meetings for a total of \$550.00 and (d) James A. Vos – 12 meetings for a total of \$600.00, 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. Montalvo Insurance – Old Republic Surety Group – renewal of coverage on Treasurer Bond for period 1/20/2026 to 1/20/2027 – Commissioner Montalvo abstained from all discussion and voting. After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to renew the coverage on the same terms and conditions as the present coverage and to authorize payment of the \$250.00 annual premium, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried with one (1) abstention as noted.

- 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 payments for quarterly periods April, May and June and July, August and September 2025 – After review and discussion, Commissioner Montalvo moved to authorize the quarterly payments for April, May and June and July, August and September 2025, in the amount of \$161,250.00 to the City, seconded by Commissioner Rektorik. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Hidalgo County Ad Hoc Committee on Emergency Service District – discussion and possible action on proceedings related to county-wide review of provision of emergency services and rural fire calls 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 and possible action on status of election 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 including discussion and possible action on ordering an election to be held May 2, 2026, 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 and authorizing the President and/or Vice President and Secretary to execute all necessary documents related thereto – After review and discussion, Mr. Talbert advised the Commissioners that an election order would be required at the January meeting and that he would see to it that it was on the January agenda and have a proposed order ready for consideration. Otherwise, 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 Montalvo moved to authorize the District's attorney to coordinate and take all necessary action to close the Certificate of Deposit with Frost Bank of McAllen, TX, which matured on December 13, 2025, with a balance of \$234,238.71 and then proceed to open a new Certificate of Deposit with Greater State Bank of Weslaco, TX, to be established in the face amount of \$234,238.71 with a 3.50% stated interest rate for a six (6) month term with two signatures required by either Mark McCaleb – President, Ramon Montalvo – Vice President and Jennier Rektorik – Secretary-Treasurer to modify or terminate such account. 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 Montalvo moved to pay the invoice for the attorney fees of \$369.79 for the month of November 2025, 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, Commissioner Rektorik moved to reimburse Commissioner McCaleb for expenses incurred in attending the 2025 SAFE-D Annual Conference in Round Rock, TX, on February 6-8, 2025, in the amount of \$1,198.21 as supported by the documentation submitted by Commissioner McCaleb, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously.
- H. Status on recommendation to Hidalgo County Commissioner David Fuentes on the appointment of a new Commissioner to fill current vacancy on remaining two (2) year term through December 31, 2026 – Mr. Talbert advised the Commissioners that no further communication had been received from the County Commissioner's office. After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- I. 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 no further communication had been received from the County Commissioner's office. After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- J. 2025 Budget – Amendment of 2025 Budget – Mr. Talbert presented the 2025 Budget Amendment to the Board for consideration which reallocated certain expense categories but did not increase the overall Budget.. After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to approve the 2025 Budget Amendment as presented and attached hereto, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the announcement that the next regular scheduled meeting would be January 19, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED:

JENNIFER REKTORIK, Secretary / Treasurer

Date: January _____, 2026