

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1
Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 18, 2025

The following Commissioners were present: Mark McCaleb, 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 12:25 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes of July 21, 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 July 2025 – After review and discussion, Commissioner Vos moved to accept the Financial Report as presented and file it for audit, seconded by Commissioner Rektorik. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Bills to be Paid – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to pay the bills as follows: (1) \$91.86 to Richard Talbert for reimbursement for food supplies for August 18, 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 April, May and June 2025 – 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 - Discussion of future options for potential election – After review and discussion, Commissioner Vos moved to pay \$22,310.30 to the Hidalgo

County Elections Department for the May 3, 2025 election, seconded by Commissioner Rektorik. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Designated Bank Depositories – Review of status of accounts and possible restructuring/renewal of accounts and designation of District depositories – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- 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 Rektorik moved to pay \$925.07 for July 2025, seconded by Commissioner Vos. 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. Website – status on establishment of website including payment for services rendered – After review and discussion including using Mr. Talbert’s office to add the Agendas, approved Minutes and other required documentation to the website, Commissioner Rektorik moved to pay Robert Grado \$500.00 for website design services and discontinue his services for regular monthly updates to the site but to continue to use him on an as needed basis, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously.
- I. 2024 Audit – Management Representation Letter – After review and discussion, Commissioner McCaleb executed the letter. 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.
- K. 2026 Budget – adoption of 2026 Budget – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to adopt the 2026 Budget as presented, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously. Copy of 2026 Budget as adopted is attached.
- L. 2025 Tax Rate – discussion on process of adopting 2025 Tax Rate including authorization of publication of simplified tax notice for small taxing unit with maximum proposed rate and setting of meeting date for final adoption of 2025 tax rate – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to (1) establish \$0.0240 valuation as the maximum proposed 2025 Tax Rate and (2) authorize legal counsel to insure that the appropriate Notice is properly published prior to the

Special Meeting on September 8, 2025, of the Board of Commissioner for final determination of the 2025 Tax Rate, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the announcement that the next meeting would be September 8, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED:

JENNIFER REKTORIK, Secretary / Treasurer

Date: September _____, 2025