



Cameron County Emergency Services District No. 1
Board of Emergency Services Commissioners Meeting Notice
Wednesday, August 4, 2021 –1:30 P.M. Special Meeting

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSIONERS OF THE CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 (CCESD) WILL BE HELD AT **THE EOC MEETING ROOM LOCATED ON THE 2ND FLOOR, 964 E. HARRISON STREET, IN BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, AT 1:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021.**

Quorum: Oscar Tapia, Hector Cruz, Michael Perez, Eduardo Alvarez.

Attendance: Arroyo City Fire Chief John Whelan, Los Fresnos Fire Chief Gene Daniels, San Benito Fire Chief Efrain Bautista, San Benito Fire Captain Romeo Mancillas, STEC Director Bill Aston.

Staff: Belinda Aguilar – ESD Coordinator, Tom Hushen – Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), Juan Martinez – Fire Marshal.

Legal: Daniel N. Lopez.

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order.
Meeting was called to order by Oscar Tapia CCESD President at 1:33 PM.
 - A. Quorum
Quorum was established with 4 CCESD Board members present.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comments (**Each individual has up to three minutes. Board members will not engage in any discussion**). Bill Aston informed the Board they are offering free testing for first responders at the EMS station off of loop 499 in Harlingen.
Mr. Juan Martinez introduced the new San Benito Fire Chief Mr. Efrain Bautista.

3. Approval of Minutes
 - A. June 30th, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes
Motion to approve report made by Mr. Alvarez and seconded by Mr. Cruz.
Unanimous approval by the Board members present.

4. Financial Report:
 - A. Bank Statement (Revenues/Expenditures)
Ms. Aguilar read the balance from the June 30th, 2021 bank statement, which was \$3,053,822.06, and the interest earned in June was \$385.25.
Ms. Aguilar stated she had reconciled the month of June.
 - B. Budget Amendments
Ms. Aguilar stated there was no Budget Amendments.
 - C. Payment of Claims

Ms. Aguilar reported two payments in the amount of \$295.00 to SAFE-D, two payments in the amount of \$374.96 to Southwest Airlines and one payment in the amount of \$322.24 to Positive Promotions.

Motion to acknowledge reports 4A, 4B, 4C, made by Mr. Perez and seconded by Mr. Alvarez.

Unanimous approval by the Board Members present.

5. Reports:

A. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Aguilar informed the Board included in packets were the current training hours for each Board member. Ms. Aguilar informed the Board all Board members will need to attend the next SAFE-D Conference or complete online training in order to be in compliance with training hours. Mr. Tapia inquired on who will be attending the SAFE-D Conference this year. Ms. Aguilar informed the Board she will be attending the conference possibly with Brownsville Assistant Fire Chief Pedraza. Fire Marshal Juan Martinez informed the Board he will not be attending the conference after all this year due to scheduling conflicts.

B. Emergency Services Consultant's Report

Mr. Hushen informed the Board of plans to assist local hospitals and EMS departments. Mr. Hushen informed the Board of upcoming vaccine clinics. Mr. Hushen informed the Board the Delta variant is currently the most dominant strain. Mr. Hushen reported a Regional Infusion Center is currently in the works.

C. Fire Marshal's Report

Mr. Martinez informed the Board of a possible infusion center as well as an alternative care site to help alleviate the hospitals to create a step-down service for them that will be beneficial to all.

Mr. Martinez reported a few arrests for arson. Mr. Martinez reported the Fire Marshals are conducting all fire inspections in person. Mr. Martinez informed the Board if the new variant persists the Fire Marshal's office could possibly go back to virtual. Mr. Martinez informed the Board he requested an additional Deputy Fire Marshal to be paid by the County.

Motion to acknowledge reports 5A and 5B and 5C made by Mr. Alvarez and seconded by Mr. Perez.

Unanimous approval by the Board Members present.

6. Discussion on the 2021 CCESD Certified Tax Valuations and the proposed 2021 CCESD Tax Rate and Notice.

Ms. Aguilar reported to the Board the no-new-revenue rate of 2021 \$0.082870/\$100, 2021 voter-approval tax rate is \$0.086150/\$100. The governing body can adopt the no-new-revenue rate with no additional action needed. Any rate higher than the no-new-revenue rate will require one public hearing and additional publications will need to be published by August 15th, 2021.

Ms. Aguilar informed the Board a copy of the Certification of Appraisal Roll to Tax Assessor was included in the agenda packet. Also included in the agenda packet was the 2021 Property Tax Rate Notice and Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Perez and seconded by Mr. Cruz.

Unanimous approval by the Board members present.

7. Discussion of Proposed FY 2021-2022 Budget.

Ms. Aguilar reported to the Board the estimated tax rate of collections for Budget FY 2021-2022.

Motion made to approve Ms. Aguilar to publish all budget notices by Mr. Cruz and seconded by Mr. Alvarez. Unanimous approval by the Board members present.

8. Discussion of possible action and dates for CCESD FY 2021-2022 Budget approval.
Ms. Aguilar discussed the next budget meetings and the importance of attendance by all Board Members. Discussion was made on the Voter-Approval Tax Rate and the notices that are required. Ms. Aguilar informed the Board of the one required public meeting that needs to be posted with the adoption of the Voter-Approval Tax Rate.
The Board agreed to publish notices for the Voter-Approval Tax Rate.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Cruz and seconded by Mr. Perez.
Unanimous approval by the Board members present.

9. Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 2:07 PM made by Mr. Alvarez and seconded by Mr. Cruz.
Unanimous approval by the Board members present.