



Cameron County Emergency Services District No. 1

Board of Emergency Services Commissioners Meeting Notice

Wednesday, May 29, 2024 – 1:30 P.M. Regular Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSIONERS OF THE CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 (CCESD) WILL BE HELD AT EOC MEETING ROOM LOCATED ON THE 2ND FLOOR, 964 E. HARRISON STREET, IN BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, AT 1:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024.

Quorum: Oscar Tapia, Eduardo Alvarez, Rene Perez, Beverly Meyn, (Calixto Suarez absent)

Staff: Grecia Lucio –ESD Coordinator, ESD Consultant – Tom Hushen

Legal: Daniel N. Lopez, Dylbia Vega

Attendance: Los Fresnos Fire Chief Gene Daniels, Arroyo City Fire Chief John Wheelan, CC Fire Marshal Juan Martinez, STEC Director Bill Aston, Brownsville Fire Chief Jarret Sheldon, SPI EMS LT. Emilio Hinojosa, CCECD Rafael Cruz, CCECD Joel Davila

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order.

A. Quorum

B. Pledges of Allegiance – United States of America and Texas

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Oscar Tapia at 1:31 p.m.

Quorum was established by four members present; Mr. Suarez was absent.

2. Public Comments (**Each individual has up to three minutes. Board members will not engage in any discussion**).

Los Fresnos Fire Chief Gene Daniel took the stand and recommended to the board to consider the option of a 50/50 split for the upcoming budget. He stated that since everyone's property taxes have increased significantly that also meant an increase in revenue. Chief Daniels compared the financial compensation per call for fire and EMS and stated on the increase expenses for EMS. Chief Daniel's stated that he believes this would not affect those smaller cities and would be the year to consider said change from a 60/40 split to a 50/50 split.

STEC Director Bill Aston took that stand and addressed the board with the same concern and recommended a 50/50 split for the new fiscal budget. He stated that EMS has taken a 20% cut from Medicaid patients. He also stated that he believes it's the time to change that from 60/40 to 50/50 split given all the new and upcoming development county wide and revenue that comes in would not affect those smaller jurisdictions.

3. Approval of Minutes:

A. April 24th, 2024 – Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Mr. Perez made a correction to the April minutes. Correct Mr. Alvarez's last name from Alavarez to Alvarez on item 4.

Motion to approve the correction of Mr. Alvarez's last name and the minutes for April 24, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes made by Mr. Perez, seconded by Mr. Alvarez. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Monthly Financial Report:

A. Presentation of April Bank Statement (Revenues)

B. Presentation of April Payment of Claims

Presentation of bank statement, revenues and payment of claims made by Mrs. Lucio, As of April 1, 2024 the beginning balance was of \$3,910,787.00, a total of 18 deposit/ credits in the amount of \$91,980.22, a total of 8 check/debit in the amount of \$82,835.38, total interest incurred for the month in the amount of \$6,421.96. Ending balance as of April 31, 2024 was in the amount of \$3,926,353.80. The reconciliation for the month was complete.

Total revenue for the month of April 2024 was in the amount of \$91,335.64.

Payment of Claims; Line-item Supplies and Equipment: USPS \$5.08 mailed checks, Staples expense of \$600.74 for ink cartridges, HEB expense \$9.96 meeting cookies, Jason Deli expense for providers meal after Space X tour \$243.75.

End of report.

Motion to approve Monthly Financial reports A. and B., made by Mr. Alvarez seconded by Mr. Perez. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and action for the Cameron County Emergency Services District No. 1 to create a subcommittee to explore the option of creating a port/industrial fund.

The Cameron County Emergency Services District No.1 board discussed in open session and assigned the Cameron County Fire Chief's Association, Thomas Hushen, Grecia Lucio, and two board members to create a subcommittee to explore the options of creating a port/industrial fund, and to bring forward at next month's meeting options for the board to review.

Motion to approve a subcommittee for the creation of a port/industrial fund made by Mr. Perez, seconded by Mrs. Meyn. Motion carried.

6. Presentation of Monthly Action Reports:

- A. Coordinator's Report- Monthly Summary Report
- B. Emergency Services Consultant's – Monthly Assessment Report
- C. Monthly Fire Marshal Update

Coordinators report was presented by Mrs. Grecia Lucio

Mrs. Lucio quickly reminded all the board members about the Port of Harlingen Tour, scheduled for June 5th 2024 at 10:00 am., stated that all calendar invitations had been sent out, and meeting point will be at the Port of Harlingen. Mrs. Lucio also stated that she had received the "engagement letter" from BML for the 2023 auditing services. She stated that since the letter had just been received that Monday prior to the ESD meeting, said item will be included onto next month's agenda.

Lastly, Mrs. Lucio reported that the ESD had received by mail a "Notice of Intention to Grant Tax Abatement from LNG" and that legal counsel Daniel Lopez will explain in depth as to said notice.

Daniel Lopez, legal, counsel, stated that Cameron County Commissioners Court is considering to give LNG a tax abatement and by no means does this affect the CCESD since it is its own entity. Mrs. Dylbia Vega stated that said notice was only a requirement by the county to give legal notice to all taxing entities. Mrs. Lucio then stated that this would be Mrs. Vega's last ESD meeting and thanked her formally for her service during her time as CCESD No.1 legal counsel. Board thanked Mrs. Vega.

Consultant Report was presented by Mr. Thomas Hushen

Mr. Hushen briefed and reminded everyone of the first Hurricane Preparedness meeting scheduled for June 7th at the Brownsville Event Center. Mr. Hushen also reported that Space X wants to set a meeting with all of the providers in reference to bringing a helicopter in the area.

Fire Marshal Report was presented by Juan Martinez.

Mr. Martinez reported that the fire marshal office will start on the yearly school inspections for county schools, and the continuous meetings with Space X and LNG's.

Motion to approve action reports A., B., and C. made by Mr. Perez seconded by Mr. Alvarez. Motion carried.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

- A. Confer with Cameron County Emergency Services District Board Legal Counsel regarding-legal issues with Service Contracts, pursuant to V.T.C.A., Government Code Section 551.071 (2).

*Motion to table item 7-A. made by Mr. Alvarez, seconded by Mrs. Meyn
Motion carried.*

8. Action Relative to the Executive Session.

- A. Possible Action

*Motion to table item 8-A. made by Mr. Alvarez, seconded by Mrs. Meyn
Motion carried.*

9. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn @2:11 made by Mrs. Meyn seconded by Mr. Alvarez.

Signed and posted on this ____ day of ____ 2024, at ____ a.m./p.m., in Brownsville, Texas.

Oscar Tapia, Board President
Cameron County Emergency Services District No. 1