



Cameron County Emergency Services District No. 1
Board of Emergency Services Commissioners Meeting Notice
Thursday, July 31, 2025 – 1:30 P.M. Special Meeting

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 THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2025 AT 1:30 P.M.

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

Attendance: Arroyo City Fire Chief Jon Whelan, STEC Director Bill Aston, Los Fresnos Fire Chief Gene Daniels, CCECD Rafael Cruz and Joel Davila, SPIF F.D. Emilio Hinojosa, Brownsville Fire Chief Jarret Sheldon, Brownsville Fire Gabriel Garza, Harlingen Fire Assistant Chief Ruben Balboa, Rio Hondo Police/Fire Chief Longoria, Rio Hondo City Manager Mr. Ben Medina.

Staff: Grecia Lucio –ESD Coordinator

Fire Marshal Juan Martinez

ESD Consultant – Tom Hushen absent.

Legal: Myles Garza, Daniel Lopez

MEETING 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. Tapia at 1:33 p.m.
Quorum was established by four board members present. Mr. Perez absent.
2. Public Comments (**Each individual has up to three minutes. Board members will not engage in any discussion**).

No Public Comments.
3. Review of Minutes:
 - A. June 25th, 2025 – Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes for June 25, 2025 made by Mr. Alvarez, seconded by Mr. Suarez.
Motion carried.
4. Monthly Financial Reports:
 - A. Presentation of June Bank Statement /Revenues
 - B. Presentation of June Payment of Claims

Presentation of bank statement, revenues and payment of claims was presented by Mrs. Lucio.
As of Juen 1, 2025 the beginning balance was of \$4,143,530.77 a total of 22 deposit/ credits in the amount of \$69,830.14, a total of 3 check/debit in the amount of \$104,665.86, total interest incurred for the month in the amount of \$6,846.95. Ending balance as of June 30, 2025 was in the mount of \$4,115,542.00. Total revenue for the month of June was in the amount \$55,748.61. Mrs. Lucio stated that there was (1) over the counter check deposit in the amount of \$918.05 from the CC Special Inventory Tac Account – Tax Assessor’s Office for surplus inventory. Mrs. Lucio reported that she spoke the CC Tax Office and confirmed that \$12, 419. 12 was withheld by the tax office in June in accordance

to the agreed judgement for the Keppel Amfels Lawsuit Case No. 2012-DCL05625. She reminded the board of the additional \$7, 463.74 balance that was received after the initial amount owed had already been withheld in December 2024. Supporting documentation in each board members packet. Mrs. Lucio stated the reconciliation for the month June was complete.

Presentation of claims was presented by Mrs. Lucio. She reported that all 3rd quarter payments had been disbursed accordingly for the exception of the City of Brownsville. The ESD has yet to receive an executed contract, but the city continues to submit their Fire and EMS reports on a monthly basis. She stated that there was only expense under Supplies and equipment in the amount of \$64.92 for Sams club. End of report.

Motion to acknowledge reports made by Mr. Alvarez seconded by Mrs. Meyn. Motion carried.

5. Presentation of Monthly Action Reports:

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

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

6. Consideration and possible Designation of the Cameron County Tax Assessor as the officer to calculate the no-new-revenue and the voter-approval tax rates for CCESD, pursuant to the Texas Code, Section 26.04(C) and to designate the Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector as his Designee.

Motion to approve and designate the CCESD Coordinator Grecia Lucio as the designee to work with CC Tax Office on the Calculation Worksheet for the (NNR) No New Revenue and (VA) Voter Approval Tax Rate made by Mr. Suarez seconded by Mr. Alvarez. Motion carried.

7. Discussion on the Cameron County Emergency Services District No. 1 FIRE/EMS zoning maps for the upcoming fiscal year 2025-2026.

Item 7 was taken into Executive Session. Upon further discussion the CCESD Board concluded that the new proposed maps will be presented at the next ESD meeting as a discussion and a possible action item to adopt the new maps. Report acknowledge as presented made by Mr. Tapia.

8. Discussion and action on the proposed 2025 CCESD Calculation Worksheet “No New Revenue and Voter Approval Tax Rate”.

Motion to approve the Calculation Worksheet NNR and VA tax rate made by Mr. Alvarez, seconded by Mr. Suarez. Motion carried.

9. Discussion of the proposed CCESD No.1 Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Mrs. Lucio stated that the proposed budget presentation for the 2025–2026 fiscal year would serve as the potential budget for adoption at the next ESD meeting. She asked the board if they had any further questions, comments, or concerns regarding the budget that she could address and answer accordingly. Acknowledge report made by Mr. Tapia.

10. Discussion and action to set dates for CCESD FY 2025 - 2026 Budget Approval and the 2025 Tax Rate Adoption.

Motion to approve to set date to August 27, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. a Regular Monthly Meeting for the adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget and the 2025 Tax Rate made by Mr. Alvarez seconded by Mrs. Meyn. Motion carried.

11. Action approval on the advertising of the Budget Hearing FY 2025 - 2026 and the 2025 Tax Rate Public Hearing.

Motion to approve in accordance to the law to advertise the Budget Hearing FY 2025 -2026 and the 2025 Tax Rate Public Hearing made by Mr. Alvarez seconded by Mrs. Meyn. Motion carried.

12. 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 enter Executive Session @1:55 p.m., made by Mr. Suarez seconded by Mr. Alvarez.

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to open session @2:46 made by Mrs. Meyn seconded by Mr. Alvarez.

13. Action Relative to the Executive Session.

- A. Possible Action

Motion to acknowledge report made by Mr. Alvarez seconded by Mrs. Meyn.

14. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn @3:00 p.m. made by Mr. Alvarez seconded Meyn.

Signed and posted on this ___ day of ____, 2025, at ____ a.m./p.m., in Brownsville, Texas.

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