MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2024 MEETING OF THE HARRIS-FORT BEND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 100

A Meeting was duly called of the Board of Commissioners of HARRIS-FORT BEND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 100, which was held, October 8, 2024, at the offices of the District's Communication Center, 21728 Beechnut, Richmond, Texas 77407.

The District considered and acted upon the following matters:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dale Terry, Board President, who announced that a quorum was present. Those Commissioners present were: **DALE TERRY, STEVE FOWLER, MARY BLONDELL,** and **JEFF JERNBERG. KEN ARRINGTON** was unable to attend. Also, in attendance was **Rebecca Densmore**, Interim Director of WestCom, **Brian Gazaway**, WestCom Operations Manager, **Dennis Maldanado**, District IT Director, Bianca Espinosa, with RIT HR, **Katie Norris** and **Aaron Espinoza** with RIT Financial, and **David Manley** of Coveler & Peeler, P.C., the District's legal counsel.

The Board proceeded to address the following:

2. To receive public comment.

Andrea Greer presented proposal for grant writing.

3. To review and approve minutes for prior meetings.

No Action.

4. To review, discuss and act on the Treasurer's Financial Report, payment of District operating bills, payment of budgeted capital expenses and payment of operations funding pursuant to the service agreement with the Department, audit, and to review, discuss and act on District Investments and any necessary banking authorizations and pledge agreements.

Ms. Norris provided a report on the District's financials and presented the invoices to be paid. A Motion was made by Ms. **BLONDELL**, seconded by Mr. **JERNBERG** to approve the report and pay the bills as presented. After discussion, the motion was passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

5. To review, discuss and act on acquisitions or needed repairs to the District's equipment, vehicles or apparatus.

No action.

6. To review, discuss and act on needed improvements or repairs to the District's stations or related facilities.

No Action.

7. To review, discuss and act on matters related to the operation of dispatch center.

Ms. Densmore and Mr. Gazaway reviewed significant events related to the operations of the dispatch center. Mr. Maldanado updated the Board on technology matters. A Motion was made by Mr. FOWLER, seconded by Ms. BLONDELL to approve the operations report as presented. After discussion, the motion was passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

8. To review, discuss and act on matters related to current and future construction projects.

No Action.

The Board addressed items 9 through 11 and went into closed session at 7:49 p.m.

- 11. To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.071 to consult with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or on maters which require confidentiality under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas and Tax Code §323.3022 to discuss sales tax matters.
- 12. To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.072 to deliberate regarding real estate matters.
- 13. To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel matters.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:22 p.m.

14. To take action on matters discussed in closed session.

A Motion was made by Mr. **JERNBERG**, seconded by Ms. **BLONDELL** to approve the salary increase as discusses in closed session, to be effective the first pay period in November. Motion passed 4 to 0.

A special meeting was scheduled to occur on October 22, at 12:00 p.m. to discuss performance reviews.

15. Adjournment.

There being no further business brought before the Board, and no objection made to concluding the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were passed and approved by the District Board of Commissioners on November 12, 2024.

HARRIS-FORT BEND EMERGENCY ŞERVICES DISTRICT NO. 100

By:

KEN ARRINGTON

Secretary of the Board