

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2025 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, **January 14, 2025**, 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, MARY BLONDELL, KEN ARRINGTON, STEVE FOWLER** and **JEFF JERNBERG**. Also, in attendance was **Rebecca Densmore**, Interim Director of WestCom, **Brian Gazaway**, WestCom Operations Manager, **Dennis Maldonado**, District IT Director, **Katie Norris** 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.**

None.

**3. To review and approve minutes for prior meetings.**

No action.

**4. To review, discuss and act on matters related to potential grants.**

No action.

**5. 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. **ARRINGTON** to approve and pay the bills as presented. After discussion, the motion was passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

**6. To review, discuss and act to engage District Auditor.**

A Motion was made by Ms. **BLONDELL**, seconded by Mr. **JERNBERG** to engage McCall Gibson for the District's 2024 audit. After discussion, the motion was passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

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

No Action.

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

A Motion was made by Mr. **ARRINGTON**, seconded by Mr. **FOWLER** to approve station alerting for Westcom in the amount of \$43,389.04. After discussion, the Motion was passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

A Motion was made by Mr. **FOWLER**, seconded by Mr. **ARRINGTON** to approve US Digital Station Alerting interfaces (up to three) for Austin County, in the amount of \$3,296.48 each. After discussion, the Motion was passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

A Motion was made by Mr. **JERNBERG**, seconded by Mr. **FOWLER** to approve \$2,570.26 for fire extinguisher testing. After discussion, the Motion was passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

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

A Motion was made by Mr. **ARRINGTON**, seconded by Ms. **BLONDELL** to approve up to \$50,000 for a 3-D rendering of the Water Rescue Training Facility. After discussion, the motion was passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

A Motion was made by Mr. **TERRY**, seconded by Ms. **FOWLER** to engage Raba Kistner to conduct a Geological Fault Study in the amount of \$3,650. After discussion, the motion was passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

10. **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. Maldonado updated the Board on technology matters. A Motion was made by Mr. **ARRINGTON**, seconded by Ms. **BLONDELL** to approve the reports as presented. After discussion, the motion was passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

*The Board addressed items 11 through 13 and went into closed session at 8:11 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 matters 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 closed session at 9:25 p.m.*

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

No action.

15. To confirm upcoming meetings and items needed for the agendas.

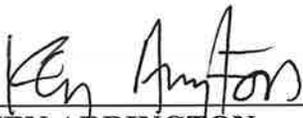
A meeting was set for February 4, at 6:00 p.m., and a meeting for February 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the Training Center.

16. Adjournment.

There being no further business brought before the Board, and no objection made to concluding the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were passed and approved by the District Board of Commissioners on February 11, 2024.

**HARRIS-FORT BEND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 100**

By:   
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**KEN ARRINGTON**  
Secretary of the Board