

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 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, **April 8, 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 review and take action on matters related to the May 3, 2025 election.**

No action.

- 3. To receive public comment.**

No public was in attendance.

- 4. To review and approve minutes for prior meetings.**

A motion was made by Ms. **BLONDELL**, seconded by Mr. **ARRINGTON**, to approve the minutes for prior meetings as presented, with the exception of the March 3, 2025 meeting. After review and discussion, the motion passed 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Mr. **ARRINGTON**, seconded by Mr. **TERRY**, to approve the minutes for the March 3, 2025 meeting as presented. After review and discussion, the motion passed 4 to 0, with Ms. **BLONDELL** abstaining.

- 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. **JERNBERG** 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 on acquisitions or needed repairs to the District's equipment, vehicles or apparatus.**

The CVFD presented a quote to upgrade the command truck. No action taken.

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

No action.

8. **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 Ms. **BLONDELL**, seconded by Mr. **ARRINGTON** to approve the reports as presented. After discussion, the motion was passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

A Motion was made by Mr. **ARRINGTON**, seconded by Mr. **JERNBERG** to authorize Westcom to provide GIS services to TECC at a rate of \$125 / hour. After discussion, the motion was passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Ms. **BLONDELL**, seconded by Mr. **JERNBERG**, with the exception of Austin County, to raise the per call dispatching fee from \$20 per call, to \$28 per call, effective January 1, 2026. 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.**

Andrea Greer updated the Board on efforts to obtain grants and alternative funding opportunities to assist with the construction of the swift water rescue training facility. She informed the Board that Congresswomen Fletcher indicated she would assist in obtaining federal funding for the training facility project. No action

The Board addressed items 10 through 12 and went into closed session at 8:14 p.m.

10. **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.**
11. **To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.072 to deliberate regarding real estate matters.**
12. **To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel matters.**

The Board came out of closed session at 8:55 p.m.

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

None.

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

A meeting was set for May 6 and May 13, at 6:00 p.m.

15. Adjournment.

There being no further business brought before the Board, and no objection made to concluding the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were passed and approved by the District Board of Commissioners on May 13, 2025.

HARRIS-FORT BEND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 100

By:



KEN ARRINGTON

Secretary of the Board