MINUTES OF THE JULY 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, July 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 6:10 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. JEFF JERNBERG** was unable to attend. Also, in attendance were **Rebecca Densmore**, Interim Director of WestCom, **Brian Gazaway**, WestCom Operations Manager, **Dennis Maldanado**, District IT Director, **Katie Norris** with RIT Financial, Andrea Greer, the District's grant writer, Samantha Smith, PIO, and **David Manley** of Coveler & Peeler, P.C., the District's legal counsel.

The Board proceeded to address the following:

3. To receive public comment.

None.

4. To review, discuss and propose the District's 2026 budget.

No action.

5. To propose the District's 2025 tax rate

A Motion was made by Ms. **BLONDELL**, seconded by Mr. **ARRINGTON** to propose a .10 /\$100 2025 tax rate. The motion was passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

6. To schedule a public hearing regarding the District's 2025 tax rate and the date of the meeting to adopt.

The Board scheduled a public hearing to take place on August 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

7. To authorize District counsel to publish the necessary 2025 Tax Rate Setting notices.

A Motion was made by Ms. **BLONDELL**, seconded by Mr. **FOWLER** to authorize District counsel to publish the necessary 2025 Tax Rate Setting notices. The motion was passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

8. To review and act on matters relating to an election to be held on November 4, 2025

A Motion was made by Ms. **BLONDELL**, seconded by Mr. **FOWLER** to call for an election to take place on November 25, 2025. The motion was passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

9. Recognition of Promotions, Commendations, and Awards for District employees

No action.

10. To review and approve minutes for prior meetings.

A Motion was made by Mr. **FOWLER**, seconded by Mr. **TERRY** to approve the minutes from prior meetings. The motion was passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

11. 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. **FOWLER** to pay the bills as presented. The motion was passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

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

A Motion was made by Ms. **BLONDELL**, seconded by Mr. **ARRINGTON** to approve up to \$3,000 for graphics for command vehicle. Motion was passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

13. 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 Ms. **BLONDELL** to approve \$5,734.55 AC repair. The motion was passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

14. 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 reports as presented. After discussion, the motion was passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

A Motion was made by Mr. **ARRINGTON**, seconded by Mr. **FOWLER** to approve \$3,385 to install new battery system. After discussion, the motion was passed by a vote of 4 to 0

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

Andrea Greer and Samantha Smith provided update on funding efforts for the STORM Ranch project. No action taken.

16. 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.

No action.

17. To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.072 to deliberate regarding real estate matters.

No action.

18. To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel matters.

No action.

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

None.

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

Meetings were set for August 5 and August 12, at 6:00 p.m.

21. Adjournment.

There being no further business brought before the Board, and no objection made to concluding the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were passed and approved by the District Board of Commissioners on September 9, 2025.

HARRIS-FORT BEND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 100

By:

Secretary of the Board