MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 MEETING
HARRIS-FORT BEND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 100

A public meeting was duly called by the Board of Commissioners of **HARRIS-FORT BEND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 100** on **September 8, 2026** located at **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. Those Commissioners present were: **DALE TERRY, MARY BLONDELL, JEFF JERNBERG, KEN ARRINGTON** and **STEVE FOWLER**. Also in attendance were **Rebecca Densmore** (Westcom Director of Emergency Communications), **Katie Norris** of RIT-Financial, District bookkeeper, **Bobbie** and **Johnna Opperman** of Opperman Consulting, **Joseph Ellis** of McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot Ellis, PLLC, District auditors, 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 and conduct the public hearing/open forum to allow interested parties to address the Board of Commissioners and be heard regarding the proposed property tax rate setting.

The Board opened the 2026 public hearing related to the District's tax rate setting. Mr. Max Casada addressed the Board regarding the proposed rate and financial state of the District.

3. Conclude Public Hearing on Tax Increase.

There being no further comments, Ms. **BLONDELL** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **JERNBERG,** to conclude the public hearing at 6:52 p.m. Thereafter, the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

4. To receive public comments regarding regular agenda matters.

No public comments were received regarding regular agenda items.

5. To consider and adopt the District's 2027 Budget.

The Board then reviewed and considered the District's proposed 2027 budget. Mr. **JERNBERG** then made a motion, seconded by Ms. **BLONDELL,** to adopt the 2027 budget as presented. Thereafter, the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

6. To adopt the District's 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Debt Service.

Mr. Manley advised the Board that a portion of their total 2026 ad valorem tax rate would be used to address debt payments secured by property tax revenues. After discussion, Mr. **FOWLER** made a motion, seconded by Mr. **ARRINGTON** to adopt the 2026 debt service rate of $0.017255 per $100 property valuation. Thereafter, the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

7. **To adopt the District's 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations.**

The Board then discussed the 2026 ad valorem tax rate for maintenance and operations. After discussion, Ms. **BLONDELL** made a motion, seconded by Mr. **JERNBERG,** to adopt the 2026 ad valorem tax rate for maintenance and operations of $0.074847 per $100 property valuation. Thereafter, the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

8. **To adopt the District's 2026 total Ad Valorem Tax Rate.**

Mr. **ARRINGTON** next made a motion, seconded by Mr. **FLOWER,** to adopt the District's total 2026 ad valorem tax rate of $0.092102 per $100 property valuation, effectively a 12.19% increase in the tax rate. Thereafter, the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

9. **To receive and take action on the District's 2025 audit report.**

Mr. Joesph Ellis of McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot Ellis, PLLC next presented the District's 2025 audit report. No action was taken at this time, and approval of the report was tabled for a future meeting.

10. **To review, discuss and act on financial matters including the Treasurer's Report, payment of District operating bills, payment of budgeted capital expenses, payment of operations funding pursuant to the service agreement with the Department, and any necessary banking authorizations and pledge agreements.**

Ms. Norris of RIT-Financial presented the monthly financial report, including District bills and expenses. After review, Ms. **BLONDELL** made a motion, seconded by Mr. **JERNBERG,** to approve the report and payment of District bills including funding for the Stormwater facility website. Thereafter, the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

11. **To review, discuss and act on obtaining funding for District projects and operations, including approval of any required resolutions related to same.**

TJ Killeen and Johnna Opperman presented an update on efforts to obtain funding. Sales force is active, and TJ is working on getting it up and running. No action was taken by the Board.

12. **To review and take action on approval of expenses related to upcoming training classes, course materials, equipment and related expenditures to be incurred by the District.**

No action was taken by the Board.

13. **To review and approve minutes from prior meetings.**

Ms. **BLONDELL** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **ARRINGTON,** to approve minutes of prior meetings. Thereafter, the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

14. To review, discuss and act on matters related to operation of Westcom.

Rebecca Densmore next provided a report on Westcom's significant activities. After discussion, Ms. **BLONDELL** made a motion, seconded by Mr. **ARRINGTON,** to approve the report as presented. Thereafter, the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

15. To review, discuss and act on matters related to District's website, social media and public education.

No action was taken by the Board.

16. To receive, discuss and act on updates related to District Government Affairs.

No action was taken by the Board.

17. To review and act on disposal of surplus equipment.

No action was taken by the Board.

18. To review, discuss and act on acquisitions or needed repairs of District supplies, equipment, vehicles or apparatus, including funding.

The Board then discussed purchasing new District apparatus, and authorized District counsel to seek financing options related to those purchases.

19. To review, discuss and act on needed improvements or repairs to the District's facilities, including funding.

No action was taken by the Board.

20. To review, discuss and take action on matters related to construction (current and proposed) projects, including funding.

No action was taken by the Board.

21. To review, discuss and take action regarding real estate matters.

No action was taken by the Board.

22. To review, discuss and take action on matters related to personnel, including compensation, benefits, retention and recruiting.

No action was taken by the Board.

23. **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.**

The Board did not convene in Closed Session to consult with legal counsel.

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

The Board did not convene in Closed Session to discuss real estate matters.

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

The Board did not convene in Closed Session to discuss personnel matters.

26. **To take action on matters discussed in closed session.**

No action was taken by the Board.

27. **To discuss and take action to confirm the next regular monthly meeting date as well as any items that need to be on the next meeting agenda.**

The next regular meeting was scheduled for October 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

28. **Adjournment.**

There being no further business, and no objection made to concluding the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were passed and approved by the District Board of Commissioners on October 20, 2026.

HARRIS-FORT BEND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 100

By: _____
KEN ARRINGTON
Secretary of the Board