HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
January 25, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 3 met for a Board Meeting on January 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at 800 E. Davis Road, Edinburg, Texas (Edinburg Fire Station 5). The Notice and Agenda were posted according to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Call meeting to order and roll call.

The meeting was called to order by Travis Richards, Secretary-Treasure at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Travis Richards, Secretary-Treasurer; Patrick Eronini, Member and Gail Fisher, Member. Absent was Luis Flores, President. Also present was Frank Prado, Jr., general counsel for the ESD No. 3; and representative of Med-Care EMS.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No member of the public asked to comment on any agenda item.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the minutes of the meeting for the November 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. The Commissioners reviewed the minutes. There being no questions or discussion regarding the minutes as presented, Gail Fisher made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Travis Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to ratify and approve the ESD No, 3's bills for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the bills due to be paid. The Commissioners reviewed the bills presented for $8,000 and $8,000 to Med-Care EMS for ambulance service for invoices for ambulance services for November 2023 and December 2023; $1,375.00 to Hidalgo County Appraisal District for 1st Quarter 2024 assessment; $1,252.57 to Linebarger Attorneys for delinquent tax collection attorney fees for October 2023 to December 2023; $1,585.00 and $1,487.00 to Francisco J. Prado, Jr. for invoices for legal services for November 2023 and December 2023. There being no discussion or questions concerning the ESD No. 3's bills, a motion was made by Gail Fisher to ratify and approve payment of the bills as presented. Patrick Eronini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the ESD No. 3's financial report for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the financial report for the months November and December 2023. The Commissioners reviewed the bank statements and reconciliations for the months presented. Frank Prado, Jr. informed the Commissioners about the District's checking account register ending balance as of the end of the month of December 2023. Frank Prado, Jr. advised that information regarding the balance on the ESD No. 3's certificate of deposit would be provided at the February meeting. There being no questions or discussion, Gail Fisher made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Patrick Eronini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider and take appropriate action Adrian Webb, CPA to conduct an audit of the District's books and accounts for the year ending December 31, 2023.

Frank Prado, Jr. advised the Commissioners that he was recommending that the Board approve Mr. Adrian Web, CPA, who previously conducted the ESD No. 3's 2022 audit, to conduct the ESD No. 3's yearly audit for the year ending December 31, 2023. There being no questions or discussion, a motion was made by Patrick Eronini to approve retaining the firm to conduct the audit as recommended. Gail Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the renewal of Linn San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department to provide First Responder Services to areas of the ESD No. 3.

Frank Prado, Jr. advised the Board that services with the Linn San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department have been automatically renewing from year to year for the past several years. Frank Prado, Jr. advised that for record keeping and historical purposes, he was recommending that the Board take formal action to renew the services. Frank Prado, Jr. advised he would also like to update a contract with current equipment and other clauses regarding information reports from the LSMVFD. There being no questions or discussion, a motion was made by Patrick Eronini to approve the renewal as recommended. Gail Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Board Member Reports

- a. **County Commissioner's Precinct 4 Office** – None for this meeting.
- b. **Monthly Tax Collection report** – Tax Collection report for October 2023 reviewed.
- c. **Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department** – None for this meeting.
- d. **Edinburg Fire Department** – None for this meeting.
- e. **Med Care EMS** – Reports for November and December 2023 reviewed.

No action was taken on any item reviewed or presented in Board reports.

7. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, a motion was made by Gail Fisher to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Patrick Eronini. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Approved on the **15th** day of **February**, 2024.

LUIS FLORES,
PRESIDENT
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

TRAVIS RICHARDS,
SECRETARY-TREASURER
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
February 15, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 3 met for a Board Meeting on February 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at 21661East Highway 186, Edinburg, Texas (Linn San Manuel Emergency Services Facility). The Notice and Agenda were posted according to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Call meeting to order and roll call.

The meeting was called to order by Luis Flores, at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Luis Flores, President; Patrick Eronini, Member; and Gail Fisher, Member. Absent was Travis Richards, Secretary-Treasurer. Also present was Frank Prado, Jr., general counsel for the ESD No. 3; and representative of Med-Care EMS.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No member of the public asked to comment on any agenda item.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2024 Special Board Meeting.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the minutes of the meeting for the January 25, 2024 Special Board Meeting. The Commissioners reviewed the minutes. There being no questions or discussion regarding the minutes as presented, Patrick Eronini made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Gail Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to ratify and approve the ESD No, 3's bills for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the bills due to be paid. The Commissioners reviewed the bills presented for $8,000 to Med-Care EMS for ambulance service for invoices for ambulance services for January 2024; and $2,405.00 to Francisco J. Prado, Jr. for legal services for January 2024. There being no discussion or questions concerning the ESD No. 3's bills, a motion was made by Patrick Eronini to ratify and approve payment of the bills as presented. Gail Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the ESD No. 3's financial report for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the financial report for the month of January 2024. The Commissioners reviewed the bank statement and reconciliation for the month presented. Frank Prado, Jr. informed the Commissioners about the District's checking account register ending balance as of the end of the month of January 2024. Frank Prado, Jr. provided the Commissioners with the balance on the ESD No. 3's certificate of deposit and interest earned. There being no questions or discussion, Patrick Eronini made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Gail Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the ESD No. 3's contract for emergency ambulance services for the area of the ESD No. 3

Patrick Eronini proposed to the Commissioners that this item be tabled until the next meeting to allow all board members to be present. There being no questions or discussion, Patrick Eronini made a motion to table the item. Gail Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The item was tabled.

5. Board Member Reports

- **a. County Commissioner's Precinct 4 Office –** None for this meeting.
- **b. Monthly Tax Collection report** – Tax Collection report for December 2023 reviewed.
- **c. Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department** – None for this meeting.
- **d. Edinburg Fire Department** – None for this meeting.
- **e. Med Care EMS –** Reports for January 2024 reviewed

No action was taken on any item reviewed or presented in Board reports.

6. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, a motion was made by Patrick Eronini to adjourn the meeting. The motion was Gail Fisher seconded by. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Approved on the **21st** day of **March**, 2024.

LUIS FLORES
PRESIDENT
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

TRAVIS RICHARDS,
SECRETARY-TREASURER
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
March 21, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 3 met for a Board Meeting on March 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at 800 E. Davis Road, Edinburg, Texas (Edinburg Fire Station 5). The Notice and Agenda were posted according to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Call meeting to order and roll call.

The meeting was called to order by Luis Flores, at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Luis Flores, President; Travis Richards, Secretary-Treasurer; and Patrick Eronini, Member. Absent was Gail Fisher, Member. Also present was Frank Prado, Jr., general counsel for the ESD No. 3; representative of Med-Care EMS; representative from Precinct 4 Commissioner's Office; and representative from Linn San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No member of the public asked to comment on any agenda item.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2024 Board Meeting.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the minutes of the meeting for the February 15, 2024 Board Meeting. The Commissioners reviewed the minutes. There being no questions or discussion regarding the minutes as presented, Patrick Eronini made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Luis Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to ratify and approve the ESD No, 3's bills for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the bills due to be paid. The Commissioners reviewed the bills presented for $8,000 to Med-Care EMS for ambulance service for invoices for ambulance services for February 2024; $5,000 to Linn San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department for 4th Quarter 2023 First Responder Services; $1,375.00 to Hidalgo County Appraisal District for 2nd Quarter 2024 assessment; $905.64 to Linebarger Attorneys for attorney fees delinquent tax collection January – February 2024; $3,168 to Texas Emergency Services Retirement System for system contributions for 6 months ended 3/01/2024; $1,886.50 to Francisco J. Prado, Jr. for legal services for February 2024. There being no discussion or questions concerning the ESD No. 3's bills, a motion was made by Patrick Eronini to ratify and approve payment of the bills as presented. Travis Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the ESD No. 3's financial report for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the financial report for the month of February 2024. The Commissioners reviewed the bank statement and reconciliation for the month presented. Frank Prado, Jr. informed the Commissioners about the District's checking account register ending balance as of the end of the month of February 2024. There being no questions or discussion, Patrick Eronini made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Travis Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION – Consultation with Attorney, Government Code 551.071

Travis Richards made a motion to go into closed session for consultation with attorney. The motion was seconded by Patrick Eronini. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting entered into closed session at 6:08 p.m.

OPEN SESSION –

Travis Richards made a motion to return the meeting to Open Session. Patrick Eronini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting returned to Open Session at 6:35 p.m..

4. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the ESD No. 3's contract for emergency ambulance services for the area of the ESD No. 3

Frank Prado, Jr. advised the Commissioners that the current contract with Med Care EMS for emergency ambulance service was due to expire in at the end of April. Frank Prado, Jr. advised the Commissioners regarding options for either seeking Requests for Proposals, renewing the contract or extending the contract for a certain period of time. Luis Flores proposed to the Board that the ESD No. 3 extend the contract for 6 months to allow the ESD No. 3 to review the calls being reported on the reports for the past two months for another few months to get a better picture of the calls being responded to in the area of the ESD No. 3. The Commissioners discussed the increased call numbers being reflected in the monthly after Med Care EMS's revision of its data source and reports. There being no further questions or discussion, Travis Richards made a motion to extend the contract with Med Care EMS for a period of six months. Patrick Eronini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Board Member Reports

- a. **County Commissioner's Precinct 4 Office** – None for this meeting.
- b. **Monthly Tax Collection report** – Tax Collection report for January to February 2024 were reviewed;
- c. **Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department** – Linn San Manuel VFD presented information regarding requesting an increase in contribution amount from the ESD No. 3 to the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System;
- d. **Edinburg Fire Department** – None for this meeting; and
- e. **Med Care EMS** – Report for February 2024 reviewed.

No action was taken on any item reviewed or presented in Board reports.

6. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, a motion was made by Travis Richards to adjourn the meeting. The motion was Patrick Eronini seconded by. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Approved on the **25th** day of **April**, 2024.

LUIS FLORES,
PRESIDENT
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

TRAVIS RICHARDS,
SECRETARY-TREASURER
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
April 25, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 3 met for a Board Meeting on April 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at 21661East Highway 186, Edinburg, Texas (Linn San Manuel Emergency Services Facility). The Notice and Agenda were posted according to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Call meeting to order and roll call.

The meeting was called to order by Luis Flores, at 6:01 p.m. Members present were Luis Flores, President; Travis Richards, Secretary-Treasurer; and Gail Fisher, Member. Absent was Patrick Eronini, Member. Also present was Frank Prado, Jr., general counsel for the ESD No. 3; representative for Med-Care EMS; representative for rom Precinct 4 Commissioner's Office; and representative for Linn San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No member of the public asked to comment on any agenda item.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2024 Board Meeting.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the minutes of the meeting for the March 21, 2024 Board Meeting. The Commissioners reviewed the minutes. There being no questions or discussion regarding the minutes as presented, Travis Richards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Luis Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to ratify and approve the ESD No, 3's bills for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the bills due to be paid. The Commissioners reviewed the bills presented for $8,000 to Med-Care EMS for ambulance service for invoices for ambulance services for March 2024; $5,000 to Linn San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department for 1st Quarter 2024 First Responder Services; $464.85 to Linebarger Attorneys for attorney fees delinquent tax collection March 2024; and $1,434.85 to Francisco J. Prado, Jr. for legal services for March 2024. There being no discussion or questions concerning the ESD No. 3's bills, a motion was made by Travis Richards to ratify and approve payment of the bills as presented. Gail Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the ESD No. 3's financial report for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the financial report for the month of March 2024. The Commissioners reviewed the bank statement and reconciliation for the month presented. Frank Prado, Jr. informed the Commissioners about the District's checking account register ending balance as of the end of the month of March 2024. There being no questions or discussion, Travis Richards made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Gail Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the ESD No. 3's contract for emergency ambulance services for the area of the ESD No. 3

No discussion or action was taken on this item.

5. Consider and take appropriate action on LSMVFD Texas Emergency Services System contributions.

The representative from the Linn San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department presented information to the Commissioners regarding the ESD No. 3's current system contribution of $35 per month per active member of the LSMVFD. He advised the Commissioners that the LSMVFD was requesting the ESD No. 3 to consider increasing the amount being contributed by the ESD No. 3 to $50 per month. Additionally, he advised that LSMVFD was proposing possibly increasing the amount to $100 with LSMVFD putting in the additional $50 per month to increase the amount to a total of $100. The Commissioner's inquired whether the $100 amount could be reduced in the future if LSMVFD could no longer afford to contribute the additional $50 per month. The representative confirmed that once raised to $100, or even the $50 if that increase was approved, the ESD No. 3 could not reduce the amount to a lesser amount. Frank Prado, Jr. informed the Commissioners that the ESD No. 3 would continue to be contractually obligated to the retirement system to continue the entire $100 contribution per month unless it chose to exit the system entirely. After discussion, the Commissioners expressed the opinion that the subject needed to be reviewed further before considering any action. Travis Richards made a motion to table the item. Gail Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Board Member Reports

- **a. County Commissioner's Precinct 4 Office** – The Commissioners reviewed a summary from Travis Richards regarding a meeting of Hidalgo County ESDs to discuss four Hidalgo County ESDs' tax rates and a proposed tax rate election.
- **b. Monthly Tax Collection report** – No report
- **c. Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department** – 1st Quarter 2024 report for medical calls
- **d. Edinburg Fire Department** – No report; and
- **e. Med Care EMS** – March 2024 call report reviewed.

No action was taken on any item reviewed or presented in Board reports.

7. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, a motion was made by Gail Fisher to adjourn the meeting. The motion was Travis Richards seconded by. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Approved on the **15th** day of **August** , 2024.

LUIS FLORES,
PRESIDENT
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

TRAVIS RICHARDS,
SECRETARY-TREASURER
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 16, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 3 met for a Board Meeting on May 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at 800 E. Davis Road, Edinburg, Texas (Edinburg Fire Station 5). The Notice and Agenda were posted according to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Statement of Officer and Oath of Office – Board Member Appointment

Mr. Ramiro Rodriguez executed the Statement of Officer and took the Oath Of Office to be sworn in as an ESD No. 3 Commissioner.

Call meeting to order and roll call.

The meeting was called to order by Luis Flores, at 6:01 p.m. Members present were Luis Flores, President; Patrick Eronini, Member; and Ramiro Rodriguez, Member; Absent were Travis Richards, Secretary-Treasurer; and Gail Fisher, Member. Also present was Frank Prado, Jr., general counsel for the ESD No. 3; representative for Med-Care EMS; and representative for from Precinct 4 Commissioner's Office.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No member of the public asked to comment on any agenda item.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2024 Special Board Meeting.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the minutes of the meeting for the April 25, 2024 Special Board Meeting. Being that only one of the Commissioners present at the meeting was present at the April 25, 2024 Special Board Meeting, Patrick Eronini made a motion to table approval of the April 25, 2024 minutes of meeting. Ramiro Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to ratify and approve the ESD No. 3's bills for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the bills due to be paid. The Commissioners reviewed the bills presented for $8,000 to Med-Care EMS for ambulance service for invoices for ambulance services for April 2024; and $1,521.00 to Francisco J. Prado, Jr. for legal services for April 2024. There being no discussion or questions concerning the ESD No. 3's bills, a motion was made by Patrick Eronini to ratify and approve payment of the bills as presented. Ramiro Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the ESD No. 3's financial report for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the financial report for the month of April 2024. The Commissioners reviewed the bank statement and reconciliation for the month presented. Frank Prado, Jr. informed the Commissioners about the District's checking account register ending balance as of the end of the month of April 2024. Luis Flores informed the Commissioners about the interest earned by the ESD No. 3's certificate of deposit from 8/21/2023 to 2/21/2024 being a total of $71,020.00. There being no questions or discussion, Patrick Eronini made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Ramiro Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Board Member Reports

a. **County Commissioner's Precinct 4 Office –** No report.
b. **Monthly Tax Collection report –** April & May 2024 collection reports reviewed.
c. **Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department** – No report.
d. **Edinburg Fire Department** – No report; and
e. **Med Care EMS** – April 2024 call reports reviewed.

No action was taken on any item reviewed or presented in Board reports.

5. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, a motion was made by Patrick Eronini to adjourn the meeting. The motion was Ramiro Rodriguez seconded by. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Approved on the **20th** day of **June**, 2024.

LUIS FLORES,
PRESIDENT
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

TRAVIS RICHARDS,
SECRETARY-TREASURER
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 20, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 3 met for a Board Meeting on June 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at 800 E. Davis Road, Edinburg, Texas (Edinburg Fire Station 5). The Notice and Agenda were posted according to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Call meeting to order and roll call.

The meeting was called to order by Luis Flores, at 6:01 p.m. Members present were Luis Flores, President; Patrick Eronini, Member; Gail Fisher, Member; and Ramiro Rodriguez, Member; Absent was Travis Richards. Also present was Frank Prado, Jr., general counsel for the ESD No. 3; and representative for Med-Care EMS.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No member of the public asked to comment on any agenda item.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the minutes of the meeting for the May 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. The Commissioners reviewed the minutes. There being no discussion or questions, Patrick Eronini made a motion to approve the May 16, 2024 minutes of meeting. Ramiro Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to ratify and approve the ESD No. 3's bills for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the bills due to be paid. The Commissioners reviewed the bills presented for $8,000 to Med-Care EMS for ambulance service for invoices for ambulance services for May 2024; $899.44 to Linebarger Attorneys for delinquent tax collection April and May 2024; and $1,536.00 to Francisco J. Prado, Jr. for legal services for May 2024. There being no discussion or questions concerning the ESD No. 3's bills, a motion was made by Patrick Eronini to ratify and approve payment of the bills as presented. Gail Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the ESD No. 3's financial report for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the financial report for the month of May 2024. The Commissioners reviewed the bank statement and reconciliation for the month presented. Frank Prado, Jr. informed the Commissioners about the District's checking account register ending balance as of the end of the month of May 2024. There being no questions or discussion, Patrick Eronini made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Ramiro Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Board Member Reports

a. **County Commissioner's Precinct 4 Office** – No report.
b. **Monthly Tax Collection report** – No report.
c. **Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department** – No report.
d. **Edinburg Fire Department** – No report; and
e. **Med Care EMS** – May 2024 call reports reviewed.

No action was taken on any item reviewed or presented in Board reports.

5. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, a motion was made by Patrick Eronini to adjourn the meeting. The motion was Ramiro Rodriguez seconded by. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Approved on the **15th** day of **August**, 2024.

LUIS FLORES,
PRESIDENT
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

TRAVIS RICHARDS,
SECRETARY-TREASURER
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 22, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 3 met for a Special Board Meeting on August 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at 800 E. Davis Road, Edinburg, Texas (Edinburg Fire Station 5). The Notice and Agenda were posted according to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Call meeting to order and roll call.

The meeting was called to order by Luis Flores, at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Luis Flores, President; Travis Richards, Secretary-Treasurer; Patrick Eronini, Member; Gail Fisher, Member; and Ramiro Rodriguez, Member; Also present was Frank Prado, Jr., general counsel for the ESD No. 3; and representative from Adrian Webb, CPA.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No member of the public asked to comment on any agenda item.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2024 Special Board Meeting and June 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the minutes of the meeting for the April 25, 2024 Special Board Meeting and June 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.. The Commissioners reviewed the minutes. There being no discussion or questions, Gail Fisher made a motion to approve the minutes of meeting as presented. Luis Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to ratify and approve the ESD No. 3's bills for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the bills due to be paid. The Commissioners reviewed the bills presented for $8,000 to Med Care EMS for ambulance service for ambulance service for June 2024; $8,000 to Med Care Ems for ambulance service for July 2024; $5,000 to Linn San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department for first responder services for 2nd Quarter 2024; $1,644.48 to Hidalgo County Appraisal District for 3rd Quarter 2024 assessment including additional penalty and interest; $4,300 to Adrian Webb for audit services for 2023 financial audit; and $1,592.50 for legal services for July 2024. There being no discussion or questions concerning the ESD No. 3's bills, a motion was made by Patrick Eronini to ratify and approve payment of the bills as presented. Gail Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the ESD No. 3's financial report for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the financial report for the month of June and July 2024. The Commissioners reviewed the bank statements and reconciliations for the months presented. Frank Prado, Jr. informed the Commissioners about the District's checking account register ending balance as of the end of the month of July 2024. The Commissioners also reviewed information regarding the interest earned on the CD with Lone Star National Bank. There being no questions or discussion, Patrick Eronini made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Gail Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the ESD No. 3's financial audit for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Mr. Manuel Lerma from the office of Adrian Webb, CPA presented the Commissioner's the audited financial report for the year ending December 31, 2023. Mr. Lerma explained to the report to the Commissioner's. Mr. Lerma informed the Commissioners that they were issuing an unmodified report and had no findings. There being no further discussion, Travis Richards made a motion to approve the audited financial report as presented. Patrick Eronini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion on the proposed 2025 budget and 2024 tax rate.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with information regarding the District current account balances. Frank Prado, Jr. advised the Commissioners that for 2025, the District should be able to operate with a budget within the similar amounts as were previously adopted for 2024 for a total budget of $$219,150.00. Frank Prado, Jr. further presented information from the Hidalgo County tax office regarding tax benchmark amounts and projected revenues based on property values in the District. Frank Prado, Jr. advised the Commissioners that the No-New-Revenue tax rate would be $0.00740 which would generate tax revenue of $526,282.00 for tax year 2024. Frank Prado, Jr. further advised the Commissioners that the highest tax rate that could be adopted without voter approval for 2024 would be $0.00810 per $100 of property valuation which would generate approximately $576,066.00 for tax year 2024. The discussion was closed.

6. Consider and take appropriate action to approve proposing a 2024 tax rate for the ESD No. 3; to approve setting public hearing(s) on the proposed tax rate and a meeting to adopt the tax rate; and to approve publication of notice to the public of the proposed tax rate, the public hearing(s) and the meeting to adopt the proposed tax rate.

Frank Prado, Jr. informed the Commissioners that the Board needed to take action to propose a tax rate, approve a date for a public hearing and a meeting to adopt the proposed budget and tax rate, and to publish notice of the date and place of the public hearing and meeting, and the proposed tax rate as required by law. The Commissioners discussed their availability in September for a meeting. There being no further questions or discussion, a motion was made by Travis Richards to approve a proposed tax rate of $0.0074 per $100 of property valuation, to approve September 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. as the date and time to hold the public hearing and meeting to adopt the proposed budget and tax rate, and to publish notice of the proposed tax rate and meeting as required by law. Gail Fisher seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Board Member Reports

- a. **County Commissioner's Precinct 4 Office** – No report.
- b. **Monthly Tax Collection report** – June tax collection report.
- c. **Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department** – No report.
- d. **Edinburg Fire Department** – No report; and
- e. **Med Care EMS** – June 2024 call reports reviewed.

No action was taken on any item reviewed or presented in Board reports.

8. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, a motion was made by Patrick Eronini to adjourn the meeting. The motion was Travis Richards seconded by. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Approved on the **12th** day of **September**, 2024.

LUIS FLORES,
PRESIDENT
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

TRAVIS RICHARDS,
SECRETARY-TREASURER
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
September 12, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 3 met for a Special Board Meeting on September 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at 800 E. Davis Road, Edinburg, Texas (Edinburg Fire Station 5). The Notice and Agenda were posted according to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Call meeting to order and roll call.

The meeting was called to order by Luis Flores, at 6:01 p.m. Members present were Luis Flores, President; Travis Richards, Secretary-Treasurer; Patrick Eronini, Member; Gail Fisher, Member; and Ramiro Rodriguez, Member; Also present was Frank Prado, Jr., general counsel for the ESD No. 3; and Velinda Reyes from Precinct 4 Commissioner's Office.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No member of the public asked to comment on any agenda item.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2024 Special Board Meeting.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the minutes of the meeting for the August 22, 2024 Special Board Meeting. The Commissioners reviewed the minutes. There being no discussion or questions, Gail Fisher made a motion to approve the minutes of meeting as presented. Patrick Eronini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to ratify and approve the ESD No. 3's bills for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the bills due to be paid. The Commissioners reviewed the bills presented for $2,916.00 to Texas Emergency Services Retirement System for contributions for the 6 month period ending 9/01/2024; and $1,916.30 to Francisco J. Prado, Jr. for legal services for August 2024. There being no discussion or questions concerning the ESD No. 3's bills, a motion was made by Patrick Eronini to ratify and approve payment of the bills as presented. Travis Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the ESD No. 3's financial report for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the financial report for the month of August 2024. The Commissioners reviewed the bank statements and reconciliations for the month presented. Frank Prado, Jr. informed the Commissioners about the District's checking account register ending balance as of the end of the month of August 2024. There being no questions or discussion, Gail Fisher made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Patrick Eronini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Hearing regarding the ESD No. 3's tax rate.

Board President, Luis Flores, opened the public hearing up for comment at 6:04 p.m. and asked for any comments from the public. There being no member of the public requesting to make comment, the public hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m.

5. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and adopt of of the Hidalgo County ESD No. 3 adopting the Hidalgo County ESD No. 3's 2025 budget.

Frank Prado, Jr. discussed and reviewed the draft proposed budget resolution reflecting the amounts discussed and proposed at the previous Regular Board Meeting reflecting amounts substantially the the same as the previous year's budget for a total proposed budget for 2025 of $219,150.00 with an anticipated excess of revenues over expenditures of $447,132.00 taking into account a projected tax revenue and interest income. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Patrick Eronini to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2024-1 of the Hidalgo County ESD No. 3 Adopting the 2025 budget as recommended in the amounts as set out below. Ramiro Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
2025 BUDGET

REVENUES

Tax Revenue	$526,282.00
Interest Revenue	$140,000.00
Total Revenue	$666,282.00

EXPENDITURES

Ambulance Service	$ 96,000.00
First Responder Service	$ 20,000.00
Emergency Services Retirement System	$ 7,500.00
Appraisal District	$ 5,500.00
Auditing	$ 4,300.00
Insurance	$ 2,600.00
Legal Advertisements	$ 750.00
Legal Fees	$ 30,000.00
Capital Outlay	$ --0--
Equipment	$ 50,000.00
Training	$ 2,500.00
Total Expenditures	$219,150.00

Excess of Revenue Over Expenses:	$447,132.00

6. Consider and take appropriate action to ratify and adopt an ordinance levying a tax rate for the Hidalgo County ESD No. 3 of $0.0074 per $100 of property valuation for tax year 2024.

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed ordinance levying a tax rate for the Hidalgo Count ESD No. 3 of $0.0074 per $100 of property valuation for tax year 2024. There being no questions or discussions, a motion was made by Travis Richards to ratify and approve and Ordinance Levying a Tax Rate for Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 3 of $0.0074 per $100 of assessed value of all taxable property for the District for tax year 2023 of which $0.0074 is for the purpose of maintenance and operations and $0 is for the payment of principal and interest on debt of the District for a total tax rate of $0.0074 per $100 of property valuation. Patrick Eronini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider and take appropriate action to approve issuing a Request for Proposals for emergency ambulance services for the area of the ESD No. 3

Frank Prado, Jr. discussed with the Commissioners the matter of the ESD No. 3 going out for requests for proposals for ambulance services for the area of the ESD No. 3. The Commissioners discussed the previous company experience and the level of ambulance which the ESD No. 3 would require as part of the RFP specifications. Additionally, the number and stationing of ambulances was discussed as well as additional matters regarding services to the community. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Travis Richards to authorize the issuance of a Request for Proposals for emergency ambulance service to the area of the ESD No. 3 in accordance with the items proposed by the board.

8. Board Member Reports

a. **County Commissioner's Precinct 4 Office** – No report.
b. **Monthly Tax Collection report** – July tax collection report reviewed.
c. **Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department** – No report.
d. **Edinburg Fire Department** – No report; and
e. **Med Care EMS** – No report.

No action was taken on any item reviewed or presented in Board reports.

9. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, a motion was made by Patrick Eronini to adjourn the meeting. The motion was Travis Richards seconded by. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Approved on the **28th** day of **October**, 2024.

LUIS FLORES,
PRESIDENT
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

TRAVIS RICHARDS,
SECRETARY-TREASURER
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
October 28, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 3 met for a Special Board Meeting on October 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at 21661East Highway 186, Edinburg, Texas (Luis Flores, Jr. Emergency Services Facility). The Notice and Agenda were posted according to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Call meeting to order and roll call.

The meeting was called to order by Luis Flores, at 6:01 p.m. Members present were Luis Flores, President; Travis Richards, Secretary-Treasurer; and Ramiro Rodriguez, Member. Absent were Patrick Eronini, Member; and Gail Fisher, Member. Also present was Frank Prado, Jr., general counsel for the ESD No. 3; representatives from the office of Commissioner Ellie Torres; and representatives from the County of Hidalgo.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No member of the public asked to comment on any agenda item.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2024 Special Board Meeting.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the minutes of the meeting for the September 12, 2024 Special Board Meeting. The Commissioners reviewed the minutes. There being no discussion or questions, Travis Richards made a motion to approve the minutes of meeting as presented. Ramiro Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to ratify and approve the ESD No. 3's bills for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the bills due to be paid. The Commissioners reviewed the bills presented for $16,000.00 to Med Care EMS for ambulance service for August and September 2024; $1,562.50 to Hidalgo County Appraisal District for 4th Quarter 2024 assessment; $2,458.82 to Texas Municipal League for 2024-2025 Genera Liability and Errors & Omissions Coverage; $777.60 to AIM Media for 2024 publication of proposed tax rate notice; $5,000 to Linn San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department for 3rd Quarter First Responder Services; $2,702.17 to Linebarger Attorneys for delinquent tax collection services June – September 2024; and $1,491.00 to Francisco J. Prado, Jr. for legal services for September 2024. There being no discussion or questions concerning the ESD No. 3's bills, a motion was made by Ramiro Rodriguez to ratify and approve payment of the bills as presented. Travis Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the ESD No. 3's financial report for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the financial report for the month of September 2024. The Commissioners reviewed the bank statement and reconciliation. Frank Prado, Jr. informed the Commissioners about the District's checking account register ending balance as of the end of the month of September 2024. There being no questions or discussion, Ramiro Rodriguez made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Travis Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding information on Hidalgo County ESDs' tax rate cap and a 2025 tax rate election.

Ricardo Saldana and Isaac Sulemana from the County of Hidalgo presented the Commissioners with information regarding meetings between the various Hidalgo County ESDs and the County regarding going out for an election in 2025 to increase the tax rate cap of the individual ESDs. They discussed information regarding the increasing costs of ambulance service to the rural areas of the County and increasing the tax rate cap of the ESDs to allow room for increased revenue as needed to be able to meet the future costs of ambulance services. Information was also presented regarding the cost of rural fire protection services provided by the various municipalities and volunteer fire departments. Information regarding projected revenues at various rates in the future was presented as well as the likelihood that the ESD in Hidalgo County will at some point in the future will be looked at to take on fire protection services in addition to ambulance services. The timeline for an election and the costs involved were discussed as well as assistance the County could provide in getting information to the public in the various ESDs to educate the public and improve the chances of successful elections.

CLOSED SESSION – Consultation with Attorney, Government Code 551.071

Travis Richards made a motion to go into closed session for consultation with attorney. The motion was seconded by Luis Flores. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting entered into closed session at 7:34 p.m.

OPEN SESSION –

Travis Richards made a motion to return the meeting to Open Session. Ramiro Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting returned to Open Session at 7:56 p.m..

Travis Richards made a motion to approve moving forward with preparing for an election in 2025 to increase the ESD No. 3's tax rate cap to 10 cents. The motion was seconded by Ramiro Rodriguez. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Board Member Reports

a. **County Commissioner's Precinct 4 Office** – No report.
b. **Monthly Tax Collection report** – August & Sept. tax collection reports reviewed.
c. **Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department** – 3rd Quarter report reviewed
d. **Edinburg Fire Department** – No report; and
e. **Med Care EMS** – August & September 2024 reports reviewed

No action was taken on any item reviewed or presented in Board reports.

6. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, a motion was made by Travis Richards to adjourn the meeting. The motion was Ramiro Rodriguez seconded by. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Approved on the **21st** day of **November**, 2024.

LUIS FLORES,
PRESIDENT
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

TRAVIS RICHARDS,
SECRETARY-TREASURER
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
December 19, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 3 met for a Board Meeting on December 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at 21661East Highway 186, Edinburg, Texas (Luis Flores, Jr. Emergency Services Facility). The Notice and Agenda were posted according to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Call meeting to order and roll call.

The meeting was called to order by Luis Flores, at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Luis Flores, President; Travis Richards, Secretary-Treasurer; and Ramiro Rodriguez, Member. Absent were Patrick Eronini, Member; and Gail Fisher, Member. Also present was Frank Prado, Jr., general counsel for the ESD No. 3.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No member of the public asked to comment on any agenda item.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2024 Special Board Meeting.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the minutes of the meeting for the October 28, 2024 Special Board Meeting. The Commissioners reviewed the minutes. There being no discussion or questions, Ramiro Rodriguez made a motion to approve the minutes of meeting as presented. Travis Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to ratify and approve the ESD No. 3's bills for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the bills due to be paid. The Commissioners reviewed the bills presented for $8,000. And $8,000.00 to Med Care EMS for ambulance service for October and November 2024; $1,106.93 to Linebarger Attorneys for delinquent tax collection October-November 2024; and $1,565.20 and $1,750.00 to Francisco J. Prado, Jr. for legal services for October and November 2024. There being no discussion or questions concerning the ESD No. 3's bills, a motion was made by Ramiro Rodriguez to ratify and approve payment of the bills as presented. Travis Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the ESD No. 3's financial report for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the financial reports for the months of October 2024 and November 2024. The Commissioners reviewed the bank statements and reconciliations for each month. Frank Prado, Jr. informed the Commissioners about the District's checking account register ending balance as of the end of the month of November 2024. The Commissioners were also updated on the current certificate of deposit balance and reinvestment of the matured CD into a new certificate of deposit. There being no questions or discussion, Travis Richards made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Ramiro Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider and take appropriate action on amendment(s) to the approved 2024 ESD No. 3 budget.

Frank Prado, Jr. informed the Commissioners of budget amendments needed to several budget items to avoid going over budget on those items and reductions in other budget items that were not expended for the year. The Commissioners reviewed the proposed amendments. There being no further discussion or questions, Travis Richards made a motion to approve the proposed amendments. Ramiro Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously for the following amended budget:

REVENUES	**2024 Budget Adopted**	**2024 Budget Amended**
Tax Revenue	$516,991.00	$516,991.00
Interest Revenue	$140,000.00	$140,000.00
Total Revenue	$656,991.00	$656,991.00
EXPENDITURES		
Ambulance Service	$ 96,000.00	$96,000.00
First Responder Service	$ 20,000.00	$20,000.00
Retirement System	$ 7,500.00	$ 7,500.00
Appraisal District	$ 5,200.00	$ 5,957.00
Auditing	$ 4,000.00	$ 4,300.00
Insurance	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,459.00
Legal Advertisements	$ 750.00	$ 2,500.00
Legal Fees	$ 30,000.00	$26,500.00
Capital Outlay	$ --0--	$ --0--
Equipment	$ 50,000.00	$ --0--
Training	$ 2,500.00	$ 5,000.00
Total Expenditures	$217,950.00	**$170,216.00**
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses:	$439,041.00	**$489,775.00**

5. Consider and take appropriate action regarding Board Member training for continuing education.

Frank Prado, Jr. advised the Commissioners about recent discussions with the County and the Precinct 4 Commissioner regarding Board Member training. The Commissioners reviewed and discussed information regarding upcoming training, registration, and hotel accommodations. The Commissioners took no action on this item.

6. Board Member Reports

- **a.** **County Commissioner's Precinct 4 Office** – Update in meetings with County & ESDs
- **b.** **Monthly Tax Collection report** – November collection report reviewed.
- **c.** **Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department** – No report.
- **d.** **Edinburg Fire Department** – No report; and
- **e.** **Med Care EMS** – October & November 2024 reports reviewed

No action was taken on any item reviewed or presented in Board reports.

7. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, a motion was made by Travis Richards to adjourn the meeting. The motion was Ramiro Rodriguez seconded by. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Approved on the **16th** day of **January**, 2025.

LUIS FLORES,
PRESIDENT
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

TRAVIS RICHARDS,
SECRETARY-TREASURER
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3