

**HIDALGO COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, that a **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Commissioners of **Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 2**, will be held on Thursday **February 27 2025 at 12:00 P.M.** at the Elsa Fire Department Building located at 216 East VFW (4th) Street, Elsa, Hidalgo County Texas 78543. Discussions relating to the following business will be transacted.

MINUTES

1. Call meeting to order. **Vice President Anna Flores opened the meeting at 12.09 PM**
2. Roll call to establish a quorum and acknowledgement of guests. **Members present were Anna Flores, Robert Escobar, Victor Hernandez and Marlene Hinojosa. President Jason Pena entered the meeting at 12:15 PM. Also present were Shellie Smith, legal counsel, Tony Sandoval, CEO, Juan Cordero representing Skyline EMS, Victor Nieves and Bryan Hathorn, staff members, Shaquille Styer representing the Elsa Fire Department, Jesse Brands representing Jesse Brands Group and Pepe Caso representing the Caso law firm.**
3. Pledge of allegiance. **This item was skipped**
4. Invocation. **This item was skipped**
5. Public Forum/Public Comment **No one signed up for the public forum**
6. **CONSENT AGENDA. Robert Escobar made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Marlene Hinojosa and it passed.**
 - a. Minutes for the meeting of January 16, 2025
 - c. Financials
 - d. Payment of bills

7. REPORTS

8. Report by Mercedes Fire Department (Information Only) **No report given**
9. Report by Skyline (Information Only) **Juan Cordero addressed the board stating that they had had 234 total calls for the month of January. He also stated that the new rules for ambulance service will not apply to them since they are not up for renewal.**

10. Report by Casso Law Firm on the progress of grant applications (Information Only) **Pepe Caso then addressed the board stating that he had a couple of grants outstanding. He acknowledged that he would no longer require a retainer fee for his services.**

11. Report by Bryan Hathorn & Victor Nieves on equipment purchases and other relevant items (Information Only). **Bryan Hathorn then addressed the board stating that the application for the ambulance service had been completed. He also stated that the ambulances were being worked on for mechanical work needed and when that was completed the application would be submitted in about two weeks.**

12. Report by Dr. Carlos Palacios (Information Only) **No report given**

13. Report by A.R. Sandoval (Information Only) **Tony Sandoval then addressed the board emphasizing how successful it was for all that attended the SAFE-D conference in Round Rock. He informed the board about the expenditures for 2024 as well as the current ones.**

14. Delta Area Fire Department Reports

- a. Elsa Fire Department **No report was given**
- b. Edcouch Fire Department **No report was given**
- c. Monte Alto Fire Department **No report was given**
- d. La Villa Fire Department **No report was given**

15. ACTION ITEMS

16. Discussion and possible action on the status of the Caso Law Firm as a grant consultant. **Robert Escobar made a motion to keep the Caso Law Firm as a grant consultant without a retainer fee. Anna Flores seconded the motion and it passed.**

17. Discussion and possible action in creating a nonprofit organization. **Pepe Caso then informed the board on the importance of creating a nonprofit organization and he would assist in doing so. Following his remarks Anna Flores made a motion to approve the creation of a nonprofit organization. Robert Escobar seconded the motion and it passed.**

18. Discussion and possible action on a budget amendment **Tony Sandoval then presented the board with a budget amendment request. Anna Flores then made a motion to approve the budget amendment; Robert Escobar seconded the motion and it passed.**

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION

CLOSED SESSION The board did not convene in executive session

The Board of Commissioners may go into Executive Session at any time pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, and Sections 551.071, 551.072, and 551.074 for discussion.

OPEN SESSION

20. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business Robert Escobar made a motion to adjourn. Victor Hernandez seconded the motion and it passed. The board adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Agenda Items may be considered, deliberated and/or acted upon in a different order than numbered above. The Board of Commissioners of Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 2 reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the items listed on this agenda as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Passed and approved on this 16th day of April 2025



Jason Pena Jr., President