



CAECD Board of Managers | Summary Minutes

10 a.m., Wednesday, June 8, 2022

6800 Burleson Road

Building 310, Suite 165

Austin, Texas 78744

Present (18)

Mayor Brandt Rydell, City of Taylor, **Chair**
Judge James Oakley, Burnet County, **1st Vice Chair**
Mayor Lew White, City of Lockhart, **2nd Vice Chair**
Commissioner Debbie Ingalsbe, Hays County, **Secretary**
Mayor Jane Hughson, City of San Marcos,
Parliamentarian
Mayor Connie Schroeder, City of Bastrop
Judge Brett Bray, Blanco County
Commissioner Joe Don Dockery, Burnet County
Judge Joe Weber, Fayette County

Council Member Esme Mattke Longoria, City of Leander
Commissioner Steven Knobloch, Lee County
Mayor Pro Tem Doug Weiss, City of Pflugerville
Council Member Matthew Baker, City of Round Rock
Council Member Janice Bruno, City of Smithville
Commissioner Ann Howard, Travis County
Commissioner Brigid Shea, Travis County
Commissioner Russ Boles, Williamson County
Commissioner Cynthia Long, Williamson County

Absent (10)

Judge Paul Pape, Bastrop County, **Immediate Past Chair**
Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, City of Austin
Mayor Lee Urbanovsky, City of Buda
Judge Hoppy Haden, Caldwell County
Council Member Kevin Hight, City of Bee Cave

Judge Ron Cunningham, Llano County
Representative John Cyrier
Representative Celia Israel
Representative Terry Wilson
Representative Erin Zwiener

1. **Call to Order and opening remarks by the Chair**

Mayor Rydell called the meeting to order at 10:53 a.m.

2. **Consider Approving the Minutes for the April 13, 2022 CAECD Board of Managers Meeting**

Mayor Rydell asked the board to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Dockery to approve the April 13, 2022, CAECD Board of Manager meeting minutes. Commissioner Ingalsbe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Conduct a Public Hearing Regarding the Continuation of the Capital Area Emergency Communications District and the 9-1-1 Emergency Service Fee**

Renee Bell, Assistant Director – Operations, Emergency Communications

Ms. Bell said the CAECD is required by the Texas Health and Safety Code to conduct a public hearing and solicit comments every three years about the district's 9-1-1 Emergency Service Fee on landline phones and whether to continue the district. She said the district published public notices about the hearings and received no comments. Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 10:55 a.m. and asked if anyone was present to speak.

Commissioner Shea asked if the district was increasing the fee and if the district is losing money because of the decreasing number of landlines. Ms. Bell said CAPCOG is not recommending a fee increase which is currently 50 cents per line. Ms. Voights said the number of landlines in the region have stayed about the same. She also mentioned a state grant should help with capital projects which could cause a funding deficit in 2025 if the grants aren't made available. Ms. Bell said people who had landline phones have been transitioning to Voice Over IP which generates the same revenue.

Mayor Rydell asked again if anyone was interested in speaking about the district and the fee. Seeing none, he closed the public hearing at 10:59 a.m.

4. Consider Adopting a Resolution for Continuation of the Capital Area Emergency Communications District and the 9-1-1 Service Fee

Renee Bell, Assistant Director – Operations, Emergency Communications

Mayor Rydell asked for a vote on the continuation of the district and service fee. A motion was made by Commissioner Shea to adopt a resolution for continuing of the district and the 9-1-1 service fee. Mayor Pro Tem Weiss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider Adoption of a Resolution Setting the 9-1-1 Service Fee for FY2023

Renee Bell, Assistant Director – Operations, Emergency Communications

Ms. Voights said the district is recommending the 9-1-1 service fee stay at 50 cents. She noted if for some reason, the district needed to increase the fee, it can do so at any time without waiting for its three-year anniversary. Ms. Voights said by 2025, the district is hoping 9-1-1 wireless fees will increase.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shea to adopt a resolution keep the 9-1-1 service fee at 50 cents. Mayor White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider Approving Appointments to Advisory Committee

Deborah Brea, Executive Assistant

There were no recommended appointments.

7. Staff Reports

Betty Voights, Executive Director

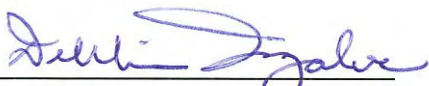
Ms. Voights didn't have any staff reports.

Commissioner Howard said she was concerned about the impacts of the region's growth on its natural resources — water, trees, green space — and was wondering how other local governments are handling these issues and whether there could a discussion next month over lunch; someone noted they could do it today. After additional discussion about regional growth issues and how CAPCOG could be involved, Ms. Voights noted the board has the ability to identify issues and convene committees and reviewed the work done several years ago with the water exploratory committee appointed by then board chair Hays County Judge Bert Cobb. She also mentioned that many of the regional growth issues are discussed by the Capital Area Economic Development District.

Mayor Rydell asked Ms. Voights to put an item on the agenda, at least under staff reports, to discuss the possibly of creating a committee.

8. Adjourn

Mayor Rydell adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.



Commissioner Debbie Ingalsbe, Secretary
Board of Managers
Capital Area Emergency Communications District

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