

MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING  
EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

September 4, 2017

THE STATE OF TEXAS       §  
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COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY   §

The Board of Directors of East Montgomery County Improvement District (the "District") met in Special Session, open to the public, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at the East Montgomery County Improvement District Complex, 21575 U.S. Highway 59 North, Conference Room, Room 201, New Caney, Texas, within the boundaries of the District, and the following officers and members of the Board of Directors were present:

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| Brenda Webb       | Chairperson     |
| Dale Martin       | Vice Chair      |
| Scott Hesson      | Treasurer       |
| Stephen Carlisle  | Secretary       |
| Katherine Persson | Asst. Secretary |
| Martin Zepeda     | Asst. Treasurer |
| Leonard Rogers    | Director        |
| Fred Wetz         | Director        |

with all of said persons being present, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Mr. Frank McCrady, Ms. Kelley Mattlage, Ms. Tara Martin and Mr. David Marks.

Chair Webb called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was present.

As the first order of business, the Board considered the emergency needs within the District and to take any actions necessary to save, preserve and protect community assets and the health, safety and welfare of its residents. Mr. McCrady reported that the District has taken actions to help the community and has spent approximately \$35,000 in food, material and supply donations for the local shelters to date, as shown on the attached sheet. He stated that Montgomery County plans to close its shelter located at Bull Salas Park by the end of the week and that he expects the District to continue receiving calls to resolve small issues and to request in demand items. Mr. McCrady stated that the District has been providing food, medical supplies to the community. He further noted that FEMA is out in the District and has a mapping tool that can help address the areas in the greatest need. Mr. McCrady stated that he is considering reducing the supply of food to the local shelters and instead having the employees providing food and other needs directly to the residents, and utilizing Hometown Chef Catering ("Hometown Chef") to handle on behalf of the District.

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Mr. McCrady next recommended that the District stay out of the housing aspect of the recovery. The Board concurred with Mr. McCrady.

The Board next discussed the use of unoccupied space in the District's building by Lone Star College-Kingwood ("Lone Star") until the Lone Star buildings have been repaired. Director Persson noted that 6 out of the 9 Lone Star buildings were flooded. Mr. McCrady recommended to allow Lone Star to use the space in the building for up to 120 days.

The Board next discussed short-term recovery planning, mid-term recovery planning (up to 6 months) and long-term recovery planning (up to 3 years). Mr. McCrady reported that he is assisting Montgomery County with planning and that the District is serving as a supporting agency. He noted that there have been no safety issues to date, but anticipate issues with looters, contractors, etc. coming into the County in the aftermath.

Mr. McCrady next suggested that the District create a hurricane recovery grant program. Director Rogers suggested to cancel the next round of community grants and to use the grant money only for law enforcement and first responder's grants. Mr. McCrady further recommended that the District reach out to the local businesses affected by Hurricane Harvey to offer economic grants, loans with interest rate reductions, etc.

Mr. McCrady next stated he has received interest from businesses wanting to partner with the District to help with the recovery effort, and recommended that they contribute to a non-profit organization so the District could then ensure the donation gets out into the community. The Board concurred.

After a lengthy discussion on the matter, Director Martin moved that 1) the District allow Lone Star to utilize the District's building for administrative offices for 120 days; 2) to add a community grant category for emergency responder's that is not subject to the single grant per year rule or limit of one grant per entity rule for the fiscal year 2017-2018 only; 3) to authorize the President to negotiate with Hometown Chef to provide food to District residents; 4) to assemble a proposal for economic outreach within the community; 5) to explore providing support to organizations installing and manning computer systems for FEMA filings; and 6) waive matching funds requirement. Director Carlisle seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned.

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Stephen Carlisle