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Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Meeting 9:30 AM, Wednesday, November 12th, 2025 HOTCOG – 1514 S. New Road, Waco, Texas

I. Call to Order and TOMA

- A. Proof of Posting
 - Proof of Posting was confirmed
- B. Determination of a Quorum
 - A Quorum was present

II. Welcome and Introductions

- A. Guest Recognition
 - John Sutton (Freestone County)
 - Joanna Whitehouse (HOTCOG 211)
 - Amy Rossow (HOTCOG 211)
 - Owen Smith (City of Rosebud)
 - Tre Tremillo (CATRAC)
 - Chris Meyers (HOTRAC)
 - Chris Clark (Hill County)
 - Jim Hollister (TDEM)
 - Jennifer Goff (TDEM)
 - Wayne Stovall (HOTCOG)
 - Andy Davis (HOTCOG)
- B. Member introductions
 - Rob Bergerson
 - Phillip Cantrell
 - Chris Cary
 - Chris Jackson
 - Ryan Dirker
 - Matt Groveton
 - Danny Guerra
 - Robert LaFoy
 - Jeremy Shipley
 - Buffy Waldie
 - Heather Wheeler
 - Alicia Wilson

III. Sub-Committee Reports

- A. General Report
 - Ryan Dirker read the sub-committee report from Boyce Wilson on the communications subcommittee meeting that was held on October 22nd.
 - Andy Davis mentioned the CERT Sub-Committee Meeting will be held on Friday, November 14th.
 - Andy Davis shared the details of the recent visit HOTCOG staff and Phillip Cantrell had with Baylor's Cyber Initiatives Director at the Baylor BRIC facility.

IV. HOTCOG Staff Reports

- A. SHSP Funding Report
 - Wayne Stovall explained to the committee how funding from the federal government is on hold, and therefore, the regional allocation is pending final awards from the state.

- Andy Davis reiterated that the funding hold, which is due to the federal government shutdown and a federal lawsuit on the program, is causing the delay and is not yet determined when it will be resolved.

B. SERI Projects Report

- Wayne Stovall gave an update on remaining projects located in Hill and Bosque County.
- Hill County's Penelope Tower Project is roughly 85% complete, and Bosque County is continuing project activity on the Walnut Springs and Brazos Point site.

V. New Business - Consideration of and/or Action On

A. Approval of September 17th, 2025, and October 1st, 2025 – EPAC Meeting Minutes

- Chris Cary motioned to approve, Danny Guerra seconded the motion, motion carried.

B. Discussion, Vote, and Approval of Preferred Vendor for ENS 2026 Contract

- Andy Davis presented the findings from the ENS Alternatives Analysis and opened the floor for discussion. Multiple members were dissatisfied with the current user experience of Everbridge. Other members believed the return on investment was not worth the cost of migrating to a new system.
- A vote was held for each committee member to select their preferred vendor out of the 6 vendors listed, including Everbridge. Civic Plus was selected as the vendor to pursue, as determined by the majority vote of members.

VI. Public Comment

- Ryan Dirker gave a mention to Freestone County and the appreciation for working with McLennan County and Waco on a recently conducted hazardous materials exercise.

VII. Announcements or Future Business Items

- Andy Davis reminded the group of the THIRA/SPR workshop that will be held on Thursday, November 20th.

VIII. Next EPAC Meeting

Wednesday, January 14th, 2026, 9:30 AM at the HOTCOG Office

IX. Adjournment

- Danny Guerra, with a second from Phillip Cantrell, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 AM.