

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6**

DATE & PLACE May 11, 2020, Ellis County ESD#6 Fire Station No. 1
1816 FM 66, Waxahachie, Texas
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT Chuck McCormack, President
James Malone, Vice President
Bill Howell, Secretary/Asst. Treasurer
Rick Beer

CHIEFS PRESENT Chief Jake Escamilla
Chief Wes Curry

Two guests were present

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call, Certification of a Quorum, and Invocation:** Commissioner Chuck McCormack, President, called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present with only Commissioner Tommy Hamilton, Treasurer, absent. Chief Wes Curry led the invocation.
- II. **Guest – Ellis County Commissioner Kyle Butler regarding the possible annexation of contiguous property:** Commissioner Chuck McCormack introduced Ellis County Precinct 4 Commissioner Kyle Butler. Commissioner Butler addressed the board concerning an area around the community of Rockett, Texas that might consider holding an election to join an existing emergency services district. No action was taken.
- III. **Approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020 regular meeting:** The minutes of the meeting were reviewed and approved, without objection, to be recorded as written. There was no April regular meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- IV. **Financial**
 - A. **Receive and approve payment of ECESD#6 bills and review the financial report from the Treasurer:** Commissioner Bill Howell gave the March 2020 treasurer’s report. He stated the balance of the capital account as of 3/31/20 was \$1,385,839.64 and the checking balance was \$18,353.49. The March 2020 bills were \$21,730.94 (\$14,620.35 for EC ESD#6 and \$7,110.59 for ESD#6 VFD). The March 2020 Forrester VFD receipts were in the amount of \$3,237.09. Commissioner McCormack asked for any questions or corrections to the report, there being none, he requested that the treasurer’s report be filed for audit.
 - B. **Receive and approve payment of ECESD#6 bills. This includes April 2020 bills and March 2020 checks that were signed outside a meeting due to cancellation by the COVID-19 pandemic:** Commissioner James Malone moved to approve the payment of both the March and April 2020 ECESD#6 bills as presented, Commissioner Rick Beer seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent.
- V. **Public Comments:** There were no comments from the public.
- VI. **Administrative Matters**
 - A. **Election of officers:** Commissioner Malone moved to make Commissioner Rick Beer ECESD6 Board Secretary and Commissioner Bill Howell to continue as Assistant Treasurer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Howell and then carried by unanimous consent.

- B. Update on creating an Internet website for Ellis County ESD6:** Commissioner McCormack asked all Commissioners to do their online email set-up.

VII. Operational Matters

- A. Receive Chief Wes Curry's Forreston VFD monthly report regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities and membership.** Chief Curry reported 8 total calls with 6 of them Medical Assists. It was slow due to the COVID Virus outbreak. Chief Curry spoke to the Commissioners about considering getting a new engine for the Forreston station and suggested rotating fleet of brush trucks.
- B. Receive report from Chief Jake Escamilla on ESD#6 VFD and ECESD#6 regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities and membership:** Chief Escamilla reported 39 calls for the month with 26 of these being EMS related. He also said they limited their EMS calls due to the pandemic but will start doing more of the EMS calls now.
- **Report on the progress of the currently ongoing ISO review of the district:** Chief Escamilla reported that he sent Jeff a copy of the water shuttle they did but are at a standstill now, due to COVID pandemic.
 - **Update on Station 1 renovations to accommodate 24 hr. shifts:** Chief Escamilla reported that they got more lighting, both inside and outside, and they were able to install it themselves. He will be getting a bid for concrete paving to replace the asphalt in the approach to Station 1.
 - **Update on P-25 Public Safety Radio conversion process:** Chief reported he went to a meeting with Shawn Scott but has not been able to get the pricing yet.
 - **Discuss the feasibility of funding some shifts at ESD6-VFD Station 2 in next year's budget:** Commissioners discussed the rapid growth in the district and the need for higher manning levels at the fire stations. Chief Escamilla said he will develop some manning scenarios for the Board to consider during the budget process .
 - **SOG (Standard Operating Guidelines) update:** Chief Escamilla suggested to take out the 10-mile resident response rule in our SOG's. Commissioner Howell moved to remove the rule. Commissioner Malone seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- C. Set the date and time for the ECESD#6 next regular meeting:** The date and time for the ECESD#6 next regular meeting was set for Monday, June 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the ESD6 Station #1 at 1816 FM 66, Waxahachie, Texas.

VIII. Commissioner Comments

Comments from Commissioners on future District-related administrative or operational issues:
No comments.

IX. Adjourn

Commissioner James Malone moved to adjourn. Commissioner Howell seconded. Meeting adjourned, without objection, at 8:13 PM.



Chuck McCormack, President
ECESD #6 Board of Commissioner
May 31, 2020