

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

**DATE & PLACE**                    January 11, 2021, Monday  
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, Ass't Treasurer  
Rick Beer, Secretary  
Randy Johnston

**CHIEFS PRESENT**                Chief Jake Escamilla  
Ass't. Chief - Bobby McBride - FVFD

Six 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 with new Commissioner Randy Johnston present. Chief Jake Escamilla led the invocation.
- II. Election of Officers:** Mr. Randy Johnston, who previously served on the ESD6 Board, was introduced as the appointee to fill Commissioner Hamilton's seat on the Board. Commissioner James Malone moved that Board officers continue to serve in their current capacity with only Assistant Treasurer, Bill Howell, to serve as Treasurer and Randy Johnston becoming the Ass't Treasurer/Assistant Secretary. Commissioner Bill Howell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. Approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020 regular meeting:** Commissioner James Malone moved to approve the December 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Rick Beer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Financial Matters**
  - A. Receive and approve payment of ECESD#6 bills and review the financial reports:** Commissioner Bill Howell, Treasurer, gave the December 2020 treasurer's report. He stated the balance of the capital account as of 12/31/20 was \$1,071,552.77 and the checking balance was \$111,720.16. The December 2020 bills were \$46,617.29 (\$38,303.81 for EC ESD#6 and \$8,313.48 for ESD#6 VFD). The December 2020 Forreton VFD receipts were in the amount of \$9,094.41. 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:**  
Commissioner Randy Johnston moved to approve the payment of the December 2020 ECESD#6 bills as presented. Commissioner Rick Beer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. Public Comments:** There were no comments from the public.

**VI. Administrative Matters**

- A. Update on engaging the District’s accounting firm, Yeldell, Wilson, Wood, Reeve & Diviney, PC (YWRD, PC) to conduct an annual audit of the books and records of the Ellis County ESD6:** Commissioner McCormack informed the Board that he is anticipating receipt of YWRD’s engagement letter within the next few days.

**VII. Operational Matters**

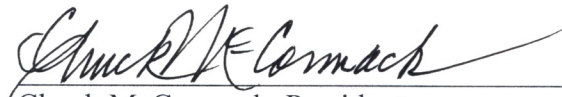
- A. Receive Chief Wes Curry’s Forreton VFD monthly report regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities and membership.** Assistant Chief Bobby McBride represented Chief Wes Curry who was absent and reported that Chief Curry would send commissioners Foreston’s December 2020 monthly report.
- 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 89 calls for the month with 52 of these being EMS related. The 2020 Annual Report of 850 total with 614 being EMS was given to the Commissioners.
- **Report on the progress of the currently ongoing ISO review of the district:** Chief Escamilla reported that the ISO meeting on January 14, 2021 will have to be rescheduled by Jeff Edwards due to the COVID virus issues.
  - **Update on P-25 Public Safety Radio conversion process:** Chief Escamilla introduced Mr. Casey Moore, the Motorola representative who addressed the Board and chiefs with information on radios, financing plans and interest rates, while answering technical questions about the new system.
  - **Update on acquisition of a 2.5-ton military truck now available through a grant by the Texas Forest Service:** Chief Escamilla reported that lights are being installed on the truck and then it will be painted.
  - **Discuss Station #1 septic system issues:** Commissioner Malone moved to have Chief Escamilla get bids to have it repaired. Commissioner Johnston seconded. Motion carried 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, February 8, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the ESD6 Station #1 at 1816 FM 66, Waxahachie, Texas.

**VIII. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner McCormack commended retiring Commissioner Tommy Hamilton for his invaluable contribution to the ECESD#6 Board and the constituents of our District. He shared a letter that he wrote on behalf of the Board and our firefighters to Mr. Hamilton thanking him for his many years of dedication and selfless service. McCormack then welcomed former Commissioner Randy Johnston back on the Board and thanked him for accepting another appointment.

**IX. Adjourn**

Commissioner James Malone moved to adjourn. Commissioner Chuck McCormack seconded. Meeting adjourned, without objection, at 8:05 PM.



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Chuck McCormack, President  
ECESD #6 Board of Commissioner  
January 31, 2021