

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

DATE & PLACE January 10, 2022
Ellis County ESD#6 Fire Station No. 1
1816 FM 66
Waxahachie, Texas 75167

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

CHIEFS PRESENT Chief Jake Escamilla, ESD 6
Chief Wes Curry, Forresteron VFD

Three guests were present.

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Certification of a Quorum, and Invocation:** Commissioner Chuck McCormack called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and declared a quorum present with only Commissioner Randy Johnston absent. He confirmed that the agenda was legally posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act § 551. Chief Wes Curry led the invocation.
- II. Swear in Commissioners James Malone and Rick Beer to another 2-year term:** Commissioners Malone and Beer were sworn in before a notary public and signed their “Statement of Appointed Office” and “Oath of Office” documents.
- III. Election of officers for the Ellis County ESD board of commissioners for the calendar year 2022:** Commissioner Rick Beer moved that the Board of Commissioners retain the current office holders in place for the calendar year 2022. Commissioner James Malone seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021 regular meeting:** Commissioner Bill Howell moved to approve the December 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes, as written. Commissioner James Malone seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.
- V. Financial Matters**
 - A. Review the financial report from the Treasurer for December 2021:** Commissioner Bill Howell, Treasurer, gave the December 2021 Treasurer’s Report. He stated the balance of the capital account as of 12/31/21 was \$486,641.05 and the checking balance was \$187,455.39. The December bills were \$83,086.86 (\$36,358.06 Payroll Expenses, \$32,562.50 for ECESD#6 and \$14,166.30 for ESD6 VFD.) The Forresteron VFD’s December 2021 receipts were \$10,010.42. 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 the ECESD#6 December 2021 bills:** Commissioner McCormack moved to approve the payment of the December 2021 bills as presented and

transfer \$50,000.00 to the checking account from the Money Mkt. account to cover upcoming bills. Commissioner Malone seconded; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Public Comments - There were no comments from the public.

VII. Administrative Matters: None

VIII. 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 for the month of December 2021, FVFD had 11 runs, 1 motor vehicle accident, 3 EMS assists, 4 grass, brush, & rubbish fires, 1 structure fire, transport vehicle fire, 1 smoke scare, and 1 cancelled en route.
- 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 including the following.** Chief Escamilla reported for the month of December 2021, they had 98 runs of which 65 were EMS, 6 structure fires, 7 automatic alarms, 3 controlled burns, 1 investigation, 5 miscellaneous, and 11 brush fires. Chief Escamilla thanked ESD6 VFD Fire Marshal Dick Brillhart for his monthly reports.
- **ISO review of the district – Chief's report to commissioners:** Chief Escamilla reported that the District is ready for the review and he is standing by to meet with Mr. Jeff Edwards of ISO to complete. Nothing is currently scheduled.
 - **P-25 Public Safety Radio conversion status as it relates to the District's contract with City of Midlothian:** Chief reported that the District got their repeater Saturday morning from Huffman Communication and cancelled the \$325.00 monthly contracted fee.
 - **ESD6 VFD Station 2:** Report on update for expanding the station to accommodate 24-hour shifts. Chief Escamilla reported that since payroll has increased in this FY2022 budget, it would be better to move this expansion to the FY2023 budget.
 - **Review revised payroll cost projections for ESD6 VFD for fiscal year 2021-22:** Chief Escamilla updated the commissioners with revised payroll projections after the completion of the first quarter 2022 and the receipt of the District's workers' compensation premium estimates were finalized. Chief projected the annual payroll cost now is \$500,000.00 with worker' compensation insurance premium approximately \$60,000.00.
- C. Set the date and time for the next ECESD#6 regular meeting:** Without objection, Commissioner McCormack set the date for the District's next regular meeting to the 2nd Monday of the month, February 14, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

IX. Comments from Commissioners on future District-related administrative or operational issues: Commissioner McCormack commented that after our transition to a blended department of volunteers and paid personnel, the District's budget is now much more payroll-centric.

X. Adjourn: Commissioner Howell moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Malone seconded; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.



Chuck McCormack, President
ECESD #6 Board of Commissioners
January 31, 2022