

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

DATE & PLACE July 10, 2023, Monday, 6:30 PM
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, Forreton VFD

Three guests were present.

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Certification of a Quorum, and Invocation:** Commissioner McCormack called the meeting to order and declared a quorum with all Commissioners present and then confirmed that notices were legally posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act § 551. Chief Wes Curry led the invocation.
- II. Approve the minutes of the Monday, June 12, 2023 regular meeting:** Commissioner James Malone moved to approve the June 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes, as written. Commissioner Rick Beer seconded, the motion carried unanimously.
- III. Financial Matters**
 - A. Review the financial report from the Treasurer for June 2023:** Commissioner Bill Howell, Treasurer, gave the June 2023 Treasurer's Report. He stated the balance of the capital account as of 6/30/23 was \$780,285.05 and the checking balance was \$262,810.16. The June bills were \$63,999.52 (\$44,351.39 Payroll Expenses, \$12,481.59 for EC ESD#6 and 7,166.54 for ESD6 VFD.) The Forreton VFD June 2023 receipts were \$3,321.85. 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 bills:** Commissioner James Malone moved to approve the payment of the June 2023 bills as presented. Commissioner Rick Beer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Public Comments:** There were no comments from the public.
- V. Administrative Matters**

- A. Conduct a budget workshop and review the budgets of Ellis County ESD 6, the District, and the budgets of ESD 6 Volunteer Fire Department and Forreton Volunteer Fire Department:** Chief Curry presented the Forreton VFD budget to the commissioners and fielded their questions. After some discussion, his proposed budget was presented and recorded. Chief Escamilla followed; his proposed budget was then recorded. The Ellis County ESD 6 administrative budget was also proposed and recorded. The combined proposed budget totaled \$1,204,650.
- B. Discuss potential tax rates for the District in fiscal year 2022-23:** Tax rates and the fact that assessed values have escalated to the point that many taxpayers had filed protests were discussed by the commissioners. No specific tax rate was proposed because the District's tax roll was not yet certified by the appraisal district.
- C. Review and approve Quarterly Investment report for the 2023 2nd Quarter:** Commissioner Malone moved to approve the 2023 2nd Quarter Investment Report. Commissioner Howell seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The review document was signed by Treasurer Howell.

VI. Operational Matters

- A. Receive Chief Wes Curry's Forreton VFD monthly report regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities and membership: (Some items may require action)** Chief Curry reported for the month of June, they had 18 runs, of which 4 were EMS assist, 1 building fire, 5 motor vehicle accidents/with no injuries, 1 motor vehicle accident/with injuries, 1 passenger vehicle fire, 1 trash/rubbish fire, contained, 1 grass fire, 1 outside equipment fire, 2 false alarms or false call, and 1 power line down. Chief Curry also reported to the commissioners that the fire hydrant by the District's Forreton station was inoperable on July 4th and other hydrants around the town of Forreton were shut off and inoperable during this season of high fire risks. Commissioner Malone volunteered to contact the Ellis County Fire Marshal's office to inquire about what might have caused these hydrants to be inactive.
- 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 June 2023, they had 59 calls, of which 35 were EMS, and 24 were fire related. 44% in NE, 15% in NW, 10% in SE, and 31% in SW.
- **ISO review of the district** – Chief Escamilla reported that new street and hydrant coordinates have been recorded and he sent a message to the ISO representative asking for the next step in the District's review. Chief is awaiting further instructions.
 - **Chief reported that an Engine 2982 is requiring repairs** due to safety issues with a cost of approximately \$14,000.
- C. Set the date and time for the next ECESD#6 Special Meeting and Regular/Public Hearing Meeting.**
Without objection, Commissioner McCormack set the dates for the District's next

Special Meeting to Thursday, August 3, 2023 and the Regular Meeting to Monday, August 14, 2023, both at 6:30 PM.

- VII. Comments from Commissioners on future District-related administrative or operational issues:** None.
- VIII. Adjourn:** Commissioner Malone moved to adjourn, Commissioner Beer seconded, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.



Chuck McCormack, President
ECESD #6 Board of Commissioners
July 31, 2023