

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

DATE & PLACE: October 9, 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
Rick Beer, Secretary
Bill Howell, Treasurer
Dale Walling, Ass't Sec'y/Treas.

CHIEFS PRESENT: Chief Jake Escamilla, ESD 6
Chief Wes Curry, FVFD

Two 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 present and stated that proper notifications were legally posted on the District's website, and at the meeting location pursuant to the Open Meetings Act § 551. Chief Escamilla led the invocation.
- II. Introduce and administer the oath of office to the District's newly appointed commissioner, Mr. Dale Walling of Waxahachie, Texas:** Commissioner McCormack welcomed Commissioner Walling after Notary Sherry McBride administered the Oath of Office and statement of Elected/Appointed Officer.
- III. Approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023 regular meeting:** Commissioner James Malone moved to approve the September 11, 2023 regular meeting, as written. Commissioner Rick Beer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Financial Matters**
 - A. Review the financial report from the Treasurer for September 2023:** Commissioner Bill Howell, gave the September 2023 Treasurer's report. He stated the balance of the capital account as of 9/30/23 was \$608,925.67 and the checking balance was \$220,783.11. The September bills were \$94,420.58 (\$44,138.21 Payroll Expenses, \$15,924.71 for EC ESD#6 and \$34,357.66 for ESD6 VFD.) The Forrester VFD September 2023 receipts were \$3,130.14. 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 September 2023 bills:** Ms. Bigler explained about the 941Tax Deposit penalty invoice. Commissioner James Malone moved to approve the payment of the September 2023 bills as presented. Commissioner Rick Beer seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

C. Consider what amount of District funds, if any, to invest in the recently opened TexPool fund accounts. Commissioner McCormack reported that the current daily rate for TexPool was 5.34%. Commissioner Malone moved to transfer \$400,000 from the Money Market account to our TexPool account. Commissioner Walling seconded. Motion carried with only Commissioner Howell dissenting. Commissioner Howell suggested that the Board adopt a procedure when transferring funds between accounts. Commissioner McCormack agreed to seek clarification from the District's legal counsel.

V. Public Comments: There were no comments from the public.

VI. Administrative Matters

A. Chief Escamilla's proposed clarification and amendment of ECESD6 VFD Standard Operating Guidelines: No action was taken at this time. Chief will present suggested changes at a later date.

VII. Operational Matters:

A. Receive Chief Wes Curry's Forreston VFD monthly report regarding operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities and membership including the following. (Some items could require action) Chief Curry reported for the month of September 2023, they had 25 runs, of which 3 were EMS assist, 2 smoke detector activations, no fire-unintentional, 7 grass fires, 1 fire, other, 1 building fire, 6 Power lines down, 1 road freight or transport vehicle fire, 3 motor vehicle accidents without injuries, and 1 motor vehicle accident with injuries.

Chief Curry reported they have had more new volunteers at FVFD now than in recent years. He has submitted five Texas Forest Service grants for Brush trucks. Chief Curry stated that he will present quarterly funding updates in a new format that will better monitor and account for District funds budgeted for the Forreston VFD.

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 September 2023, they had 86calls, of which 49 were EMS assist and 37 were fires. NE= 52%, NW= 1%, SE= 9%, and SW= 38%.

ISO review of the district – Chief's report to commissioners: Nothing new to report.

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 Monday, November 13, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

VIII. Comments from Commissioners on future District-related administrative or operational issues. (No action may be taken.) Business items resulting from comments by Commissioners may become agenda items for the next regular meeting of the ECESD#6.

Commissioner Malone asked commissioners to think about putting money in a separate reserve account for capital improvement expenditures.

IX. Adjourn:

Commissioner Malone moved to adjourn. Commissioner Beer seconded, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.



Chuck McCormack, President
ECESD #6 Board of Commission
October 31, 2023