

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

DATE & PLACE: May 13, 2024, Monday, 6:30 PM
Ellis County ESD#6 Fire Station No. 1
1816 FM 66
Waxahachie Texas 75167

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chuck McCormack, President
Rick Beer, Secretary
Dale Walling, Treasurer
Bill Howell, Ass't Sec/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. He then 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. Approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024 regular meeting: Commissioner Rick Beer moved to approve the April 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Dale Walling seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

III. Financial Matters

A. Review the financial report from the Treasurer for April 2024: Commissioner Dale Walling, gave the April 2024 Treasurer's report. He stated the balance of the capital account as of 4/30/24 was \$396,364.03, the balance of the TexPool investment account as of 4/30/24 was \$909,674.23 and the checking balance was \$167,789.84. The April bills were \$87,820.27 (\$44,249.45 Payroll Expenses, \$2,407.57 other, for EC ESD#6 and \$41,163.25 for ESD6 VFD.) The Forreton VFD April 2024 receipts were \$17,327.11. 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. Consider transferring funds from the District bank account to the District's TexPool account: No action was taken.

C. Receive and approve payment of the ECESD#6 April 2024 bills: Commissioner Bill Howell moved to approve the payment of the April 2024 bills as presented. Commissioner Dale Walling seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

- D. Report on the status of the District's annual audit by YWRD, P.C.:** Carol Bigler reported the annual financial review is progressing daily. The deadline for submittal to the Commissioners Court is 1 JUN 2024.

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

V. Administrative Matters

- A. Commissioner James Malone has submitted a letter of resignation to the Ellis County Fire Marshal effective April 9, 2024.** The Ellis County Commissioners Court has received application(s) for appointment to the Board of Commissioners of ECESD6. The Board is standing by for Commissioner Malone's replacement to be named. Commissioner McCormack read the resignation letter from James Malone. He then read the Thank You letter he sent to Mr. Malone on behalf of District fire department personnel, the ESD6 Board of Commissioners and the constituents of the District.
- B. Consider executing a resolution confirming review of District Records Management:** Commissioner McCormack moved to approve and execute the District Records Management Resolution and forward the Declaration of Compliance to the Texas State Library and Archive Commission. Commissioner Walling seconded and motion carried unanimously.

VI. Operational Matters:

- A. Receive Chief Wes Curry's Forreton 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 April 2024 they had 16 calls, of which 3 were EMS assists, 2 trash or rubbish fires, 4 motor vehicle accidents/no injuries, 1 motor vehicle accident/with injuries, 1 swift water rescue, 3 severe weather or natural disaster, other, 1 building fire, and 1 wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment.
- **Consider a proposal to upgrade the diesel fuel storage tank and surrounding structure at the Forreton Station:** Chief Curry reported the storage tank project is on hold due to the abundance of rain. Chief Curry also reported the station's south driveway is cracking where the new fuel tank is being installed. No action was taken at this time.
- 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 April 2024, they had 81 calls, of which 39 were EMS assist and 42 were fires. NE=54%, NW=6%, SE=9%, and SW=31%. Chief Escamilla informed the commissioners about Engine 2982 being out of service with a mechanical problem that occurred on scene at a structure fire. Chief presented a copy of suggested amendments to the ESD6 VFD FY2024 Budget due to an unexpected cost. Commissioner McCormack moved to accept the budget amendment. Commissioner Malone seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- **ISO review of the district – Chief's report to commissioners:** Chief reported that Mr. Jeff Edwards, Area Representative for ISO, has forwarded


new forms to be used for the District's review. Chief has arranged a meeting in Waxahachie with Mr. Edwards on June 5, 2024 to discuss the next steps.

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, June 10, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

VII. 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 McCormack's commented that Midlothian's ESD2 Sales and Use Tax election on May 4, 2024 was approved by the voters.

VIII. Adjourn:

Commissioner McCormack moved to adjourn. Commissioner Beer seconded, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.



Chuck McCormack, President
ECESD #6 Board of Commission
May 23, 2024