

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

DATE & PLACE: June 10, 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.
Jason Smithey (new commissioner)

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

Five 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 Wes Curry led the invocation.
- II. Administer Statement of Appointed Officer and Oath of Office to Mr. Jason Smithey, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Commissioner James Malone:** Notary, Christie Curry, administered the Oath of Office to incoming Commissioner, Mr. Jason Smithey, whose term expires December 31, 2025.
- III. Election of officers of the ECESD6 Board of Commissioners:** Commissioner Dale Walling moved to elect Commissioner Bill Howell to the office of ECESD#6 Vice President and Commissioner Jason Smithey as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, the office previously held by Commissioner Howell. Commissioner Rick Beer seconded, the motion carried unanimously. The remaining offices were unchanged.
- IV. Adjourn to Executive Session 6:32 PM**
Commissioner McCormack moved to adjourn, second by Commissioner Walling, motion carried

Executive Session

Pursuant to §551.071 of the Government Code, consultation via a telephone conference call with legal counsel regarding a settlement offer from S&L Lawn Service, LLC.

Reconvene to Regular Session 6:52 PM

Motion to reconvene by Commissioner McCormack, second by Commissioner Beer, motion carried.

No action was taken during the executive session.

- V. Approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024 regular meeting:** Commissioner Bill Howell moved to approve the May 13, 2024 regular meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Dale Walling seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

VI. Financial Matters

- A. Review the financial report from the Treasurer for May 2024:** Commissioner Dale Walling, gave the May 2024 Treasurer's report. He stated the balance of the capital account as of 5/31/24 was \$396,364.03, the balance of the TexPool investment account as of 5/31/24 was \$913,781.42 and the checking balance was \$156,387.73.
- B. The May bills were \$70,711.63 (\$42,837.19 Payroll Expenses, \$7,351.18 other, for EC ESD#6 and \$20,523.26 for ESD6 VFD.) The Forreton VFD May 2024 receipts were \$2,441.66. 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.**
- C. Receive and approve payment of the ECESD#6 May 2024 bills:** Commissioner Rick Beer moved to approve the payment of the May 2024 bills as presented. Commissioner Dale Walling seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- D. Report on the status of the District's annual audit by YWRD, P.C.:** Carol Bigler reported that the annual audit is nearing completion.

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

VIII. Administrative Matters

- A. Discuss and consider adopting the tax and budget planning calendar for 2024 and authorize payment for tax process publications:** Commissioner Beer moved to adopt the tax and budget planning calendar for 2024 and authorize payment for tax rate notification publications. Commissioner Jason Smithey seconded, and motion carried unanimously.
- B. Discuss and consider status of District website, accessibility, and posting requirements and take any related action:** Commissioner McCormack reported that the ECESD#6 website is up and running and ready for posting.
- C. Consider a special budget workshop meeting in the months of June or July to complete the District's budget for the tax year 2024-25:** A consensus of the commissioners and chiefs was reached declaring Monday, July 15, 2024, at 6:30 pm the date and time for a public meeting for the District's Budget Workshop.

IX. 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 May 2024 they had 23 calls, of which 8 were EMS assists, 1 trash or rubbish fires, 3 motor vehicle accidents/no injuries, 4 motor vehicle accident/with injuries, 2 power line/down, 1 fire alarm activation, no fire, 1 dispatched and cancel enroute, 1 mobile home residence fire, and 2 outside rubbish or waste. Chief Curry reported business as usual.

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 May 2024, they had 75 calls, of which 36 were EMS assist and 39 were fires. NE=53%, NW=5%, SE=20%, and SW=22%.

- **ISO review of the district – Chief’s report to commissioners:** Chief reported an ISO meeting with Mr. Edwards on June 5, 2024 was rescheduled to June 12, 2024.
- **Consider a settlement offer from S and L Lawn Services of Waxahachie, TX for several years of services rendered, but not billed to the District, totaling over \$20,000.00** Commissioners took no action.

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, July 8, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

X. 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. There were no comments from commissioners.

XI. Adjourn:

Commissioner Beer moved to adjourn. Commissioner Walling seconded, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.



Chuck McCormack, President
ECESD #6 Board of Commissioners
June 30, 2024