

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

DATE & PLACE October 22, 2019, Ellis County ESD#6 Fire Station No. 1
1816 FM 66, Waxahachie, Texas
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT Chuck McCormack
Randy Johnston
Tommy Hamilton
Bill Howell

CHIEFS PRESENT Chief Jake Escamilla
Chief Wes Curry

Three guests were present

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Certification of a Quorum, and Invocation: Chuck McCormack, President, called the meeting to order and declared a quorum with only Commissioner Johnston absent. Chief Jake Escamilla led the invocation

II. Approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 Second Public Hearing, the September 9, 2019 Regular meeting, and the September 16, 2019 Special “Adopt Tax Rate” meeting regular meeting: The minutes of these meetings were reviewed with no corrections and approved by acclamation.

III. Financial

A. Receive and approve payment of ECESD#6 bills and review the financial report from the Treasurer. Commissioner Tommy Hamilton gave the September 2019 treasurer’s report. He stated the balance of the capital account as of 9/30/19 was \$1,002,337.63, the checking balance was \$18,483.48 and the two certificates of deposit totaled \$54,260.57. The September 2019 bills were \$66,456.88 (\$53,566.35 for EC ESD#6 and \$12,890.53 for ESD#6 VFD). The September 2019 Forrester VFD receipts were in the amount of \$38,086.00. 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.

Commissioner Bill Howell moved to approve the payment of the September 2019 ECESD#6 bills. Commissioner Tommy Hamilton seconded. Motion carried

B. Review 2019 Third Quarter Investment Report (July – September 30): The commissioners approved the report and Treasurer, Commissioner Tommy Hamilton signed it. (The investment report is attached to these minutes.)

IV. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

V. Administrative Matters

- A. Consider a long-term strategy to better deploy district assets to accommodate the needs of a rapidly increasing population within our geographic area:** No action was taken.
- B. Consider adopting a resolution regarding public participation at open meetings:** Commissioner McCormack reported that on the advice of our legal counsel, the District should consider adopting their resolution to confirm the District's compliance with recent changes in the Texas Open Meeting Act. After review and discussion, Commissioner Tommy Hamilton moved to adopt said resolution. Commissioner Malone seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Resolution was adopted and will be signed and notarized at the next meeting. It will then be attached to the November 12, 2019 minutes.

VI. 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 they had 15 calls during the month of September. Chief Curry reported that the Ladies raised \$1800 at their garage sale.
- **Update on the paving and drainage improvements at the Forreston station:** Chief Curry reported the paving and drainage has been completed. The county cleaned out the Forreston Rd barrow ditches and they look better.
 - **Discuss and possibly have approved the cost to add striping to the new driveway at Forreston station:** Chief Curry reported the striping should cost about \$800 and they should be able to cover it out of their budget funds.
- 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:** Chief Escamilla reported 74 calls for the month of September, 49 of these runs were EMS.
- **Report on the progress of the currently ongoing ISO review of the district:** Chief Escamilla reported that he spoke with Jeff Edwards and it will be 1-2 months before they will start the study.
 - **Update on status of Drop Box procedure:** Chief reported that his department personnel are continuing to work on this.
 - **Discuss Station 1 expense budget for possible addition of 24 hr. shift:** Commissioner Bill Howell moved to approve up to \$7,500 to update Station 1 for the 24-hour shift. Commissioner Tommy Hamilton seconded. Motion carried.
 - **Update on marking hydrants for better visual acquisition:** Chief Escamilla is looking into the cost and feasibility of various options and will report back to the Board.
 - **Discuss New County Radio System and cost to ESD6:** Chief Escamilla advised the Board that the Ellis County Commissioners Court is considering upgrading the existing public safety radio system for the Ellis County Sheriff's Department Dispatch network. The change will require the radios of all first responders in the county to operate on 700 megahertz (Project 25 compliant.) Chief reported the county estimates that it will be about 18 months before the system will upgrade and departments will have about 3 ½ years to complete. Chief Escamilla said cost of replacing all ESD6 radios could easily exceed \$200,000.

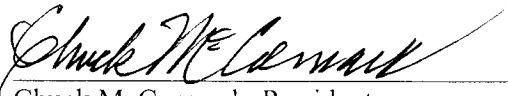
- C. Set the date and time for the ECESD#6 next regular meeting:** The date and time for the ECESD#6 next regular meeting was set for Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:30 PM at our regular meeting place, Station 1 at 1816 FM 66, Waxahachie, Texas.

VII. Commissioner Comments

- A. Comments from Commissioners on future District-related administrative or operational issues:**
No comments.

VIII. Adjourn

Commissioner Chuck McCormack moved to adjourn. Commissioner Tommy Hamilton seconded. Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:35 PM.



Chuck McCormack, President
ECESD #6 Board of Commissioners
October 31, 2019