

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

DATE & PLACE June 8, 2020, Ellis County ESD#6 Fire Station No. 1
1816 FM 66, Waxahachie, Texas
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT Chuck McCormack, President
James Malone, Vice President
Bill Howell, Secretary/Ass't Treasurer
Rick Beer

CHIEFS PRESENT Chief Jake Escamilla
Chief Wes Curry

Five guests were present

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

II. Financial

A. Receive and approve payment of ECESD#6 bills and review the financial report from the Treasurer: Commissioner Bill Howell gave the May 2020 treasurer's report. He stated the balance of the capital account as of 5/30/20 was \$1,323,228.90 and the checking balance was \$29,542.23. The May 2020 bills were \$8,860.85 (\$5,049.59 for EC ESD#6 and \$3,811.26 for ESD#6 VFD). The May 2020 Forrester VFD receipts were in the amount of \$12,636.64. 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 ECESD#6 bills: Commissioner James Malone moved to approve the payment of the May 2020 ECESD#6 bills as presented. Commissioner Rick Beer seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

IV. Administrative Matters

A. Update on creating an Internet website for Ellis County ESD 6: Commissioner McCormack reported that the website is now published at www.ecesd6.org. Commissioner McCormack then moved for authority to have the District spend up to \$500.00 with our website builder for an advanced document search capability on the District's website. Commissioner Malone seconded. Motion carried.

B. Discuss and consider adoption of the tax and budget calendar for 2020 and take any related action: Commissioner McCormack opened a discussion about the new tax code that was adopted under Senate Bill 2 and the changes that took effect 1 JAN 2020. Chief Escamilla and Chief Curry reported that they are preparing budgets for fiscal year 2020-2021 and they are aware of the shortened time schedule mandated by the new code.

C. Discuss District website status, accessibility and posting requirements and take any related action: The commissioners discussed the fact that the new tax code requires the District to publish certain information, including the adoption of its proposed tax rate, on its website. Commissioner

McCormack said the District's general counsel is advising the Board on the new tax code and on website publishing compliance.

V. Operational Matters

- A. **Receive Chief Wes Curry's Forreton VFD monthly report regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities and membership.** Chief Curry reported 13 total calls with 3 of them Medical Assists. They started meetings up again with just members and it has been kind of quiet.
- 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 69 calls for the month with 51 % of these being EMS related. AMR is securing scene and ESD does not do if COVID
- **Report on the progress of the currently ongoing ISO review of the district:** Chief Escamilla reported that it is all shut down right now due to the COVID 19 pandemic.
 - **Update on Station 1 renovations to accommodate 24 hr. shifts:** Chief Escamilla reported that they got an ice machine and that is the final item for the station renovation.
 - **Update on P-25 Public Safety Radio conversion process:** Chief reported he is working with the County of Ellis and other Ellis county ESD's to request a proposal from Motorola as one unit purchaser.
 - **Discuss the feasibility of funding some shifts at ESD6-VFD Station 2 in next year's budget:** Chief Escamilla estimated that two firefighters working a 12-hour shift, 7 days a week, would cost the District approximately \$75,000 annually. Commissioners discussed the rapid growth in the district and the need for higher staffing levels at the fire stations. Chief Escamilla said he would develop some itemized estimates for the Board to consider during the budget process.
 - **SOG (Standard Operating Guidelines) update:** Chief Escamilla suggested to take out the 10-mile resident response rule in our SOG's. Commissioner Howell moved to remove the rule. Commissioner Malone seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- 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 Monday, July 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the ESD6 Station #1 at 1816 FM 66, Waxahachie, Texas.

VI. Commissioner Comments

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

VII. Adjourn

Commissioner Bill Howell moved to adjourn. Commissioner Rick Beer seconded. Meeting adjourned, without objection, at 7:33 PM.



Chuck McCormack, President
ECESD #6 Board of Commissioner
June 30, 2020