

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

DATE & PLACE July 13, 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
Rick Beer, Secretary

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 Commissioner Tommy Hamilton, Treasurer, and Commissioner Bill Howell, Ass't. Treasurer, absent. Chief Wes Curry led the invocation.
- II. **Approve the minutes of the May 11, 2020 and June 8, 2020 regular meetings:** Commissioner James Malone moved to approve both the May and June 2020 minutes as written. Commissioner Beer seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent
- III. **Financial**
 - A. **Receive and approve payment of ECESD#6 bills and review the financial reports:** Administrative Assistant, Carol Bigler, gave the June 2020 treasurer's report. She stated the balance of the capital account as of 6/30/20 was \$1,306,561.57 and the checking balance was \$26,824.06. The June 2020 bills were \$23,211.28 (\$12,123.64 for EC ESD#6 and \$11,087.64 for ESD#6 VFD). The June 2020 Forrester VFD receipts were in the amount of \$828.84. 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.
- IV. **Public Comments:** There were no comments from the public.
- V. **Administrative Matters**
 - A. **Update on District website status, accessibility and posting requirements. Take any related action:**
Commissioner McCormack informed the Board that the building of our website was virtually complete although there may be some minor compliance editing suggested by the District's general counsel. The District's website was published on or about May 23, 2020.

- B. Discuss the District's budget and potential tax rate for 2020 and prioritize spending for the year:** Chief Curry and Chief Escamilla gave the Commissioners their preliminary FY2020-2021 budgets. The commissioners and chiefs talked about several priority expenditures for next year including paving the approach and apron at ESD6 VFD Station 1 and the feasibility of staffing ESD6 VFD Station 2. A Special Meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2020 at 6:30 pm. to further discuss and develop the District's 2020-21 fiscal year budget.

VI. Operational Matters

- A. Receive Chief Wes Curry's Forrester VFD monthly report regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities and membership.** Chief Curry reported 8 total calls with 2 of them Medical Assists, 1 building fire and 1 grass fire.
- 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 84 calls for the month with 61 of these being EMS related, 5 grass and 3 structure fires.
- **Report on the progress of the currently ongoing ISO review of the district:** Chief Escamilla reported that he has not heard from Jeff recently due to the virus epidemic.
 - **Update on P-25 Public Safety Radio conversion process:** Chief reported that he is meeting with Mr. Shawn Scott of Crosspoint Communications tomorrow to discuss their proposal to upgrade our entire inventory of public safety radios.
 - **Report on the effects of the virus epidemic on the District's fire department operations:** Chief Escamilla reported that on July 4th one of his captains was exposed to the COVID-19 virus. ESD6 VFD Station 1 and trucks were disinfected/fumigated by AdvantaClean of Ellis County Company. He contacted our insurer regarding reimbursement of the cost of cleaning; however, since none of our firefighters actually contracted virus, this loss was not covered.
- 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, August 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the ESD6 Station #1 at 1816 FM 66, Waxahachie, Texas.

VII. Commissioner Comments

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

VIII. Adjourn

Commissioner James Malone moved to adjourn. Commissioner Rick Beer seconded. Meeting adjourned, without objection, at 8:28 PM.



Chuck McCormack, President
ECESD #6 Board of Commissioner
July 31, 2020