

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

DATE & PLACE August 10, 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
Bill Howell – Ass't Treasurer

CHIEFS PRESENT Chief Jake Escamilla
Chief Wes Curry

Six 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, absent. Chief Jake Escamilla led the invocation.

II. Approve the minutes of the July 10, 2020 regular meeting and July 27, 2020 special meeting: Commissioner James Malone moved to approve both the July 10th regular meeting and July 27, 2020 special meeting 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: Bill Howell, Treasurer, gave the July 2020 treasurer's report. He stated the balance of the capital account as of 7/31/20 was \$1,264,453.29 and the checking balance was \$38,409.53. The July 2020 bills were \$73,278.07 (\$59,241.61 for EC ESD#6 and \$14,036.46 for ESD#6 VFD). The July 2020 Forreston VFD receipts were in the amount of \$18,973.62. 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 Bill Howell moved to approve the payment of the July 2020 ECESD#6 bills as presented. Commissioner James Malone seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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 the District's website was now current with the required legal notices provided by the District's general counsel. A refund was paid by GoDaddy when our site was published on Better Our Tomorrow Company's server at a better annual rate.
- B. Discuss the District's budget and potential tax rate for 2020 and prioritize spending for the year:** After discussing the population growth of the District and the escalating expectations of the District's constituents, the commissioners agreed that staffing another station should be a top priority during the fiscal year 2020. The commissioners reviewed the budgets with Chief Escamilla and Chief Curry.

- C. **Discuss contract negotiations on Phase 1 of paving around ESD#6VFD Station #1 and consider approving proposal:** Commissioner Beer suggested that the reinforcing bar for the pavement should be strengthened and after a discussion Chuck McCormack moved to approve proposed Phase 1 Quote amended with number 4 reinforcing bar on 16 inch center with total cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 over the original bid. Commissioner Malone seconded, motion carried.
- D. **Consider taking action regarding 2020-21 budget:** Commissioner Malone moved to approve proposed budget of \$1,193,958 for FY2020-2021. Commissioner McCormack seconded. Motion carried unanimously
- E. **Discuss and consider taking action regarding 2020 tax rate, including:**
 - **Establishing proposed tax rate:** Commissioner Howell moved to adopt a proposed tax rate of \$0.0711.
Record Vote:
Bill Howell – Yea
James Malone - Yea
Rick Beer – Yea
Chuck McCormack – Yea
Tommy Hamilton - Absent
 - **Taking record vote and scheduling public hearing:** Commissioner McCormack moved to schedule public hearing for 9/14/2020 and to publish notice in the Waxahachie Daily Light newspaper. Commissioner Malone seconded and motion carried unanimously
 - **Authorizing publication of “Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase” in the Waxahachie Daily Light:** Commissioner McCormack moved to authorize. Malone seconded. motion carried unanimously.
 - **Acknowledging and approving posting of tax rate notice and “Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase” to home page of District website:** Commissioner McCormack moved to approve and post, Commissioner Malone seconded, motion carried unanimously.

VI. Operational Matters

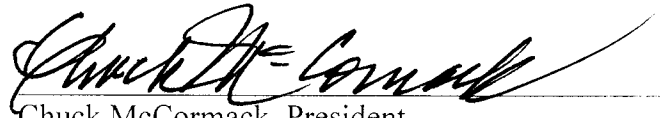
- A. **Receive Chief Wes Curry’s Forreston VFD monthly report regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities and membership.** Chief Curry reported 11 total calls and that it has been a little slow.
- B. **Receive report from Chief Jake Escamilla on ESD#6 VFD and ECESD#6 regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities and membership:** Chief Escamilla reported 71 calls for the month with 51 of these being EMS related.
 - **Report on the progress of the currently ongoing ISO review of the district:** Chief Escamilla reported that it is on hold right now due to the virus epidemic.
 - **Update on P-25 Public Safety Radio conversion process:** Chief reported that it looks like the first of the year before the system is up.
 - **Report on the effects of the virus epidemic on the District’s fire department operations:** Chief Escamilla reported that there has not been much activity.
- C. **Set the date and time for the ECESD#6 next regular meeting:** The date and time for the ECESD#6 next regular meeting and the PUBLIC HEARING on TAX INCREASE was set for Monday, September 14, 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 Chuck McCormack seconded. Meeting adjourned, without objection, at 7:55 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chuck McCormack", written over a horizontal line.

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