HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 10, 2026

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT
Dr. Antonio Uresti
Mario Flores
Juan Palacios
Rolando Reyna
Janie Gaytan

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE
Jorge Arcaute
Krystine Ramon (via Zoom)
Gus Ramirez
Janie Flores
Cecilia Sanchez
Other guests as recorded

1. **Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call and Establish a Quorum**
   The meeting was called to order by President Uresti at 6:02 p.m. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was established.

2. **Invocation**
   The invocation was led by Chief Gus Ramirez.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Public Comment**
   There were no public comments.

5. **Consent Agenda**
   a. To approve meeting minutes of May 13, 2026.
   Counsel Krystine Ramon presented several minor revisions to the May 13, 2026 meeting minutes.

   Motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Commissioner Reyna and seconded by Commissioner Palacios. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

6. **Old Business**
   a. To review, discuss and take action to approve agreement with Border Affairs.
   The Board reviewed the proposed agreement with Border Affairs.

   Motion to approve the agreement with Border Affairs was made by Commissioner Flores and seconded by Commissioner Reyna. President Uresti stated that the agreement provides grant writing services on a contingency basis, contains a non-exclusive provision allowing the District to utilize other grant writers, and includes a thirty-day termination clause. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining..

b. To review, discuss, and take action to approve a contract with a GIS Services Company to provide fire hydrant location mapping, boundary analysis, and related geographic information system services for the District.

Consultant Gus Ramirez introduced representatives from two GIS consulting firms who presented proposals for developing a comprehensive Geographic Information System for the District.

Sergio Castro with AIM GIS Solutions provided a presentation which included discussion regarding mapping fire hydrant locations, identifying ownership, creating maintenance and inspection layers, integrating district boundaries, developing interactive mapping capabilities, and supporting future planning efforts. Commissioners discussed the importance of identifying responsibility for fire hydrant maintenance before proceeding with the project. Counsel Krystine Ramon recommended additional review of the proposals, budget considerations, and legal agreements with water providers before the District commits to the project.

Following discussion, the Board agreed additional evaluation was necessary before selecting a vendor. No action was taken.

c. To receive a report from Consultant Gus Ramirez regarding Fire Services.

Consultant Gus Ramirez reported that work continues with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council 9-1-1 Program to finalize response maps for the City of Peñitas, Palmview, and Sullivan City.

Mr. Ramirez also updated the Board regarding service gap areas within the District. Counsel Krystine Ramon advised that discussions had been held with Hidalgo County concerning an interlocal agreement that would allow the County to continue funding emergency services in areas located outside the District boundaries. Counsel indicated that she would prepare the necessary agreement for future Board consideration.

Mr. Ramirez also reported on the status of the donated fire apparatus from the City of Mission and advised that the vehicle remains in service with Mission until replacement equipment is received. Preliminary equipment estimates for outfitting the apparatus were also discussed. No action was taken.

d. To receive a report from the Fire Services Review Committee.

Commissioner Flores stated that the issues on service gap was discussed already by Ms. Ramon and she is working with the County to address the gaps. Consultant Ramirez added that the LRGVDC 911 is also trying to help the Districts with the service gaps. No action was taken.

e. To discuss and consider approval to pay District bills as presented.

The Board reviewed the list of District expenditures, including consultant services, legal services, meeting expenses, and other operational costs.

Motion to approve payment of the District bills as presented was made by Commissioner Flores and seconded by Commissioner Reyna. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

President Uresti announced that Commissioner Reyna left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

7. <u>**New Business**</u>

a. **To review, discuss and take action on proposals for evaluations related to a Sales Tax in the District.**

The Board received presentations from Ryan Fortner of Revenue Management Services and Katie Briggers of HDL regarding proposals to perform a sales tax availability analysis for the District. Mr. Fortner reviewed his firm's experience providing sales tax consulting services to special purpose districts and explained that the proposed analysis would identify available sales tax, estimate potential revenues, and assist the District with evaluating the feasibility of a future sales tax election.

Ms. Briggers presented HDL's proposal and discussed the preparation of a comprehensive sales tax estimate report, including mapping available sales tax areas, identifying businesses within the District, estimating potential revenues, and explaining the sales tax election process. Commissioners discussed annexation, available sales tax rates, and the potential impact of future annexations on District revenues. Following discussion, the Board determined additional review was necessary before selecting a consultant. No action was taken.

President Uresti stated for the record that Commissioner Gaytan left the meeting at 7:44 p.m. and joined via phone for this item for discussion but can not vote. The Boards went to a recess at 8:02 p.m. The Board returned from recess at 8:46 p.m.

b. **To discuss and consider obtaining a cost assessment and evaluation for building repairs to existing structure on Mile 7 and Iowa Street.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Flores to allocate two hundred and fifty dollars for an assessment for the whole property, same as ESD 5 and was seconded by. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Palacios. Motion carried 3-0.

c. **To discuss and consider authorizing the solicitation of quotes and, based on the evaluation, the hiring of a contractor to repair the existing structure at Mile 7 and Iowa Street.**

No action was taken.

d. **Authorization to seek quotes and hire a contractor to provide repairs to existing structure on Mile 7 and Iowa Street.**

This agenda item is a duplicate of the previous agenda item and was inadvertently included in the agenda.

e. To review, discuss and take action on the proposal for Headshots.
Motion was made by Commissioner Flores and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the proposal submitted to take headshots and to split half the cost of the $800 package between ESD five and six. Motion carried 3-0

f. To discuss and consider approval of the purchase of shirts for ESD Commissioners.
Commissioner Palacios made a motion to approve the purchase of two shirts with a total limit of $200. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Flores. Motion carried 3-0.

g. To review 2026 Preliminary Values and current property tax collections report.
Jessica Adkins with Coveler and Peeler, stated that the district had a taxable value of about three point eight billion and added that the district still has a lot of property under review. But overall values are looking really good. Ms. Adkins stated that the certified values would come out on July 25th. Ms. Adkins continued providing information for the District.

h. To discuss and possible action to review and approve Commissioner Compensation Requests submitted by District Commissioners pursuant to the District's Commissioner Compensation Resolution and Texas Health & Safety Code §775.038.
Commissioner Flores made a motion to approve the Commissioner Compensation form and was seconded by Commissioner Palacios. Motion carried 3-0.

i. To review, discuss and consider action to approve an Interlocal Agreement for Fire Services between the District and the City of Peñitas, the City of Palmview and Sullivan City.
Counsel Krystine Ramon advised the Board that discussions had been held with Hidalgo County regarding emergency service gap areas located outside the District boundaries. Ms. Ramon stated that she did speak with the County and with Mr. Sulemana and he did confirm that the County will consider entering into an interlocal agreement with the ESD so that the District can service these gap areas. Counsel recommended postponing approval of the proposed Interlocal Agreements until an agreement with Hidalgo County could first be finalized to ensure appropriate funding for those areas.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to defer consideration of the agreements until a future meeting. No action was taken.

j. To review, discuss and consider the approval of a Procurement Committee for the District.
President Uresti stated that volunteers for the committee were Commissioner Flores and Commissioner Palacios. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Flores. Motion carried 3-0.

k. To review, discuss and take action to establish an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Committee.
President Uresti reported on a recent meeting between members of the District's Artificial Intelligence Committee and Hidalgo County Information Technology staff regarding

potential AI applications and future collaboration opportunities. Discussion included the use of technology to improve District operations and data management. No action was taken.

l. To review, discuss and take action on the ESD Grant Program application and applicant guidelines.

Mr. Ramirez stated that he was directed to create some guidelines. The grant guidelines are to make sure that the grant they're requesting aligns with the goals of the ESD. The Board discussed the proposed ESD Grant Program, including application procedures, eligibility requirements, and applicant guidelines. General discussion occurred regarding administration of the program and future implementation. Commissioner Flores moved to approve and seconded by Commissioner Palacios. Motion carried 3-0.

m. To review and act on scheduling District Meetings and items to be added to meeting agendas.

The Board discussed future agenda items.

8. Executive Session: Pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074

a. To consult with Legal Counsel.

There was no executive session.

9. Return to Open Session for Possible Action

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Palacios made a motion to adjourn at 10:12 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Flores. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting was adjourned.