

ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 9, 2025

DATE & PLACE: June 9, 2025 Monday, 4:00 PM
Ellis County ESD#6 Fire Station No. 1
1816 FM 66
Waxahachie Texas 75167

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chuck McCormack, President
Bill Howell, Vice President
Rick Beer, Secretary
Dale Walling, Treasurer
Jason Smithey, Asst. Sec. / Treas.

CHIEFS PRESENT: Lt. Holt, ESD 6 VFD
Chief Wes Curry, FVFD

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call, Certification of a Quorum, and Invocation:** Commissioner McCormack called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm and declared a quorum with all commissioners present. He then stated that proper notifications were legally posted on the district's website and Chief Wes Curry led the invocation.
- II. **Approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025 regular meeting:** Commissioner Beer moved to approve the May 12, 2025 minutes and Commissioner Walling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. **Public Comments:** There were no comments from the public.
- IV. **Administrative Matters**
 - A. **Report on the status of the District's five-year strategic plan by Manning and Associates.** Mr. Manning gave the commissioners a progress report on his development of the District's five-year strategic plan. No action was taken.
 - B. **Consider board approval of a Reimbursement of Prior Expenditures Resolution pertaining to the Station 2 construction and financing.** Commissioner Walling moved to execute the resolution, Commissioner Smithey seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.
 - C. **Consider board approval of a resolution to dispose of salvage property consisting of outdated and damaged PPE.** Com. Beer moved to execute the resolution, Com. Howell seconded, motion passes unanimously.
 - D. **Report from the fire chief search committee, Chief Wes Curry and Commissioners Walling and Smithey.** Chief Curry submitted to the board a first draft of the ESD6 VFD Fire Chief job posting and asked the commissioners to review it and make suggestions. The search committee will present a more defined job posting at the next meeting.

- E. Review the status of Grossman Design Build contract by District's owner's representative, Mr. Anthony Mottla.** Mr. Mottla explained to the commissioners in what stage of design the project has now progressed and he gave the commissioners a timeline projection of the design / city permitting process.
- F. Discuss possible future tributes to the late Chief Escamilla. (Action may be required.)** Chief Curry volunteered to explore the possibilities of a community awareness event to commemorate the late Chief Escamilla that might involve the FVFD Auxiliary in the planning. He will report to the Board with proposals.
- G. Consider negotiating with a reputable provider to assist the District with bookkeeping and accounting services.** Commissioner McCormack moved to authorize the Treasurer to contract with an optimum bookkeeping service on a month-to-month basis. Commissioner Howell seconded and further moved to limit the monthly fee to \$3,000 per month, motion carried unanimously.
- H. Consider negotiating a one-year real estate lease on an office / warehouse building in which to maintain operations during the re-development of Station 2. (Action may be taken.)** Commissioner Howell moved to accept the one-year lease offer on 103 Industrial Drive, Waxahachie, Texas and authorize the Board President to execute the lease with the full payment of the one-year lease and security deposit at closing, Commissioner McCormack seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- I. Discuss and consider adoption of a tax and budget planning calendar for 2025, authorize the payment of tax process publications, and take any related action.** Com. Walling moved to adopt the calendar and authorize related expenses, Com. Smithey seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- J. Schedule budget meetings/workshops.** No action was taken. The agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

V. Financial Matters

- A. Review the financial report from the Treasurer for May 2025. (Action required)** Commissioner Dale Walling, treasurer, gave the May 2025 Treasurer's report. He stated the balance of the capital account as of 5/31/25 was \$143,911.54, the TexPool account balance was \$1,818,612.88 and the checking balance was \$200,031.49. The May bills were \$119,677.31 (\$45,776.09 Payroll Expenses, \$54,349.05 other, for EC ESD#6 and \$19,552.17 for ESD6 VFD.) The Forrester VFD May 2025 receipts were \$8,397.66. 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. Consider transferring funds to / from the district's bank account to / from its TexPool account. (Action may be required)** Commissioner Walling moved to transfer \$175,000.00 from the TexPool account to the CNB Money Mkt. account due to upcoming expenses. Commissioner McCormack seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- C. Receive and approve payment of the ECESD#6 May 2025 bills. (Action required)** Commissioner Walling moved to approve payment of the May 2025 bills as presented. Commissioner Smithey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Operational Matters

A. Receive Chief Wes Curry's Forreston VFD monthly report regarding operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities and membership. (Some items may require action) Chief Curry reported for the month of May 2025, they had 19 runs, of which 5 were EMS assist, 2 vehicle fires, 2 grass fires, 4 cancelled, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 natural disaster, 1 structure fire, and 1 Trash/rubbish fire. Chief requested 3rd Q Budget distribution at the July meeting.

- **Report on the status of the new brush truck:** Chief reported the truck is in service, a winch was installed, title application is in progress.

B. Receive report from Lr. Holt on ESD#6 VFD and ECESD#6 regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities and membership including the following: The month of May 2025 had 84 incidents with 47 at Station 1 and 37 at Station 2. NE 44%, SW 29%, SE 20% and NW 7%.

- **ISO review of the district:** Mr. Jeff Edwards has reported to Interim Chief Tyner that the District's review is essentially complete, awaiting final determination.

C. Set the date and time for the next ECESD#6 regular meeting. Without objection, Com. McCormack set the date of July 14, 2025 at 4:00 PM, ESD6 VFD Station 1.

VII. Comments from Commissioners on future District-related administrative or operational issues. (No action may be taken.) Business items resulting from comments by Commissioners may become agenda items for the next regular meeting of ECESD#6. There were no comments from the commissioners.

VIII. Adjourn: Without objection, Commissioner McCormack declared the meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM.



Chuck McCormack, President
ECESD #6 Board of Commissioners
July 11, 2025