

ELLIS COUNTY EMRGGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JAN 13, 2026

DATE & PLACE: January 13, 2026 @ 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: Interim Chief Justin Tyner, ESD 6
Chief Wes Curry, Forrester VFD

Three guests were present.

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Certification of a Quorum, and Invocation:** Commissioner McCormack called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and declared a quorum present with all commissioners present. He then stated that proper notifications were legally posted on the District's website and meeting place. Commissioner Howell led the invocation.
- II. Swear in Commissioners:** The notary public was unable to attend the meeting and the formal swearing in was delayed until the February meeting.
- III. Election of officers for the Ellis County ESD 6 Board of Commissioners for the calendar year 2026:** Commissioner Howell moved to retain all Board members in their current office for the next calendar year, Commissioner Smithey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025 regular meeting:** Commissioner Howell moved to approve the minutes as written Commissioner Walling seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- V. Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

VI. Administrative Matters

- A. Commissioners will receive a report from the Fire Chief Search Committee on the status of the solicitation:** Commissioners Walling and Smithey reported the Search Committee was meeting tomorrow, on January 14, 2026 to finalize the

offering. Commissioner Walling asked that a Special Meeting be called as soon as possible to approve the final compensation package after their meeting on the 13th; Commissioner McCormack confirmed that he would call the special meeting on the 21st of January, 2026 at a time to be determined.

- B. Building committee to report on the status of the ESD6 FD Station 2 project's progress through the City of Waxahachie's permitting process:** Commissioner Walling quoted the District's owners rep, Mr. Mottla, who said the civil engineering plans were pending approval after some minor issues to be addressed. Walling was hopeful that the design/build GMP (guaranteed maximum price) presentation was on track for the January 9, 2026 regular meeting.
- C. Confirm which District personnel plan to attend the annual SAFE-D Conference in San Antonio, Texas January 28-31, 2026:** Commissioners Walling and McCormack confirmed their intent to attend and Commissioners Smithey and Howell said they would let Com. McCormack know tomorrow, January 14th.
- D. Approve publishing the physical address of the District in the newspaper as required by statute.** Commissioner Walling moved to approve the publication in the *Waxahachie Sun*, Com. Smithey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Report on the status of the District's five-year strategic plan by Manning and Associates:** Mr. Tom Manning presented the strategic plan and reviewed the highlights of the analysis with the commissioners. Central to the plan was a blueprint to eventually man the ESD6 FD with salaried employees, a concentration on improvement of the District's ISO rating and how to meet the long-term demands of the rampant population increase the District is experiencing.
- F. Chiefs Tyner and Curry to present specifications and manufacturers' quotations to sell the District, through a Government-to-Government procurement service like HGACBuy, two (2) pumper/tender engines.** After reviewing several proposals from various manufacturers, the chiefs recommended accepting the proposal from Metro Fire in Mansfield, Texas to sell two (2) Spartan S-180 pumper / tenders to the District for a nominal \$2 MIL. Commissioner Walling moved to accept the proposal, pending loan approval, Commissioner Smithey seconded and motion carried unanimously.

VII. Financial Matters

- A. Consider which financing option the District will pursue to purchase the two engines.** Commissioner Howell moved to pursue financing options on the engines with Government Capital, Commissioner Walling seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- B. Review the financial report from the Treasurer for December 2025.** Commissioner Walling reported the balance of the capital account as of 12/31/2025 was \$334,862.21 the TexPool balance was \$1,154,614.11 and the checking balance was \$77,463.75. 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.
- C. Review and approve quarterly investment report for the 4th Quarter 2025, OCT 1- DEC 31.** Commissioner Walling presented the investment report (attached herein) for review and Commissioner McCormack moved to accept the report, Commissioner Smithey seconded, motion passed unanimously.

- D. Consider transferring funds to / from the district's bank account to / from its TexPool account.** Commissioner Howell moved to electronically transfer \$1 MIL from the District's MMA at CNB of Texas to its TexPool account, Commissioner Walling seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- E. Receive and approve payment of the ECESD#6 December 2025 bills.** Commissioner Walling reviewed the monthly bills, Com. Howell moved to pay the bills as presented, Com. Smithey seconded and motion carried unanimously.

VIII. 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 December 2025, they had 18 runs of which 7 were EMS assist, 4 dispatched & cancelled enroute, 1 Motor vehicle accident w/no injuries, 1 Motor vehicle accident w/injuries, 1 trash/rubbish fire, contained, 1 brush and/or grass mixture fire, 1 fire in mobile home used as fixed residence, 1 fire in structure other than bldg., and 1 grass fire.
- B. Receive report from Interim Chief Tyner on ESD#6 FD and ECESD#6 regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities and membership including the following. (Some items may require action.)** Interim Chief Tyner reported for the month of December 2025, they had 89 calls of which 59 was Station 1 and 30 Station 2 calls. NE-37%, SW-35%, SE-17% and NW-11%
- C. Set the date and time for the next ECESD#6 regular meeting.** Without objection, Com. McCormack set the date and time for the next meeting for Monday, February 9, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

IX. 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.

Com. Howell advised the Board that he is posting items of interest on the District's FaceBook page. Com. McCormack informed the Board that he is researching the feasibility of hiring a records retention company to archive District documents.

X. Adjourn

Commissioner McCormack moved to adjourn. Commissioner Walling seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.



Chuck McCormack, President
ECESD #6 Board of Commissioners
January 31, 2026