

**ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 9, 2026**

DATE & PLACE: March 9, 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 FD  
Chief Wes Curry, Forreston 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 existed with all commissioners present. He then stated that proper notifications were legally posted on the District's website and at the meeting place. Chief Curry led the invocation.
- II. **Approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026 regular meeting:** Commissioner Smithey moved to approve the minutes as written, Commissioner Walling seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- III. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
- IV. **Administrative Matters**
  - A. **Report from the District's owner's representative, Mottla Architects, on the plan approval progress of the ESD6 FD Station 2, the project mobilization schedule and target date to vacate the station. (Action may be taken.)** Mr. Anthony Mottla informed the Board that plans should be through the City, he estimates, no later than the end of April 2026 and he reminded everyone that our contract allows for a 365-day construction period. Commissioner McCormack moved for the Board to authorize him to negotiate a lease extension at 103 Industrial in Waxahachie through April 2027, with final Board approval of such an extension, Commissioner Smithey seconded, motion carried unanimously.
  - B. **Report from the Fire Chief Search Committee regarding the solicitation progress.** Commissioner Walling reported that the job opening was posted on the

TCFP website on March 1 with the application window closing on March 30<sup>th</sup>. There have been six applicants to date. The search committee advised the Board that the benefit package was deemed to be negotiable during the interview process until finally approved by the Board.

- C. **Review the authorized users / possessors of the District's PO Box keys and safety deposit box keys. (Action required.)** Commissioner McCormack moved to authorize Commissioners Walling and Beer to possess and use the keys to the Safe Deposit Box at CNB of Texas Uptown and to authorize Commissioners Walling and McCormack to possess and use the District's Post Office box keys, Commissioner Howell seconded, motion passed unanimously.

## V. Financial Matters

- A. **Conduct the annual review of the District's investment policy in accordance with the investment policy adopted by the Board on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. (Action required)** Commissioner Walling reviewed the policy and noted that no changes are indicated from his perspective. Com. McCormack moved to execute the resolution confirming the annual review, Com. Walling seconded, motion carried unanimously. (The resolution and certificate were executed and notarized at the meeting.)
- B. **Review the financial report from the Treasurer for February 2026. (Action required.)** Commissioner Walling presented the Board with the financial report and Treasurer's report with TexPool Fund balance of \$2,155,869.78 and checking account balance of \$188,635.81 and available funds totaling \$2,926,013.95. He advised the Board, without objection, that he was moving \$150,000 from the money market account to the checking account. There was no objection.
- C. **Treasurer's report on the status of Government Capital securing financing for the ESD6 FD's Station 2 project.** Treasurer Walling introduced Mr. Ed King of Government Capital who reported that they had six offers responding to their request for proposals (RFP's) with the most competitive two being from First Financial Bank and Southside Bank. The First Financial interest rate was the lowest at 4.08%. Commissioner Howell moved to request First Financial Bank to formalize their offer to finance in the form of a promissory note to be reviewed by the District's general counsel before final Board approval, Mr. Walling seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
- D. **Consider transferring funds to / from the district's bank account to / from its TexPool account. (Action may be required)** Commissioner McCormack moved to transfer \$200,000 from the money market account to TexPool, Com. Beer seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- E. **Receive and approve payment of the ECESD#6 February 2026 bills. (Action required.)** Com. Howell moved to approve the bills as presented, Com. Smithey seconded, motion passed unanimously.

## VI. Operational Matters

- A. **Receive Chief Wes Curry's Forreton VFD monthly report regarding operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities and membership. (Some items may require action)** Chief reported 13 runs for the month of February.

- **Chief to discuss a proposal to build an annex onto the Forreston VFD Station to house brush trucks (Action may be taken.)** Chief Curry said he is getting more proposals to construct an annex to the Forreston station to house the two rough terrain brush trucks and to make room for the new pumper tender. Commissioners discussed amending the budget to fund the expansion. No action was taken.
- **Chief Curry's update on FVFD's skid unit grant and subsequent grants awarded.** Chief informed the Board that Forreston was awarded another grant, this one for \$25,000 for PPE and he is still in the process of getting bids on the skid grant for \$25,000.

**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.)** Chief reported 87 runs for the month of February.

- **Chief to discuss grant for training equipment** Chief Tyner informed the Board that ESD6 FD has been awarded a \$10,000 grant for training equipment and without objection, he was going to purchase an entry training door for \$8,800. Com. McCormack moved to buy the door, Com. Smithey seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- **Chief to discuss a grant for PPE** Chief Tyner asked the Board to approve his using this recently awarded \$25,000 grant to purchase more PPE even though he had budgeted money for such purpose. Com. Howell moved to authorize using this grant, Com. Walling seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**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, April 13, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

**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.** Com. Howell advised the Board that the District's Face Book page now has over 830 followers.

**VIII. Adjourn**

Commissioner McCormack, without objection, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.



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 Chuck McCormack, President  
 ECESD #6 Board of Commissioners  
 March 11, 2026