

ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 13, 2026

DATE & PLACE: April 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 FD
Chief Wes Curry, Forreston VFD

Four 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 March 9th, 2026 monthly meeting. (Action required)**
Commissioner Howell moved to approve the minutes as written, Commissioner Walling seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
- IV. **Administrative Matters**
 - A. **Construction Committee will present to the Board a report from the District's owner's representative, Mottla Architects, on the City of Waxahachie permitting progress of the ESD6 FD Station 2, the project mobilization schedule and target date to vacate the station. (Action may be taken.)** Commissioner McCormack informed the Board that Mottla Architects gave him a verbal update indicating that the plans are essentially approved by the City and construction should begin in about three weeks.
 - B. **The Fire Chief Search Committee's report to the Board regarding the status of their search:** Commissioner Walling reported that the Chief Search Committee received eighteen applicants and the committee has decided to interview four finalist candidates on April 29, 2026.
 - C. **Consider the approval of a proposal to contract with Mr. Tom Manning to provide the Board with ongoing budgeting and tax rate adoption consultation. (Action may be required.)** Mr. Manning addressed the Board and offered to provide

this consultation to the Board at the rate of \$75 per hour. Commissioner McCormack moved to accept Mr. Manning's verbal proposal at that hourly rate and to later vote to approve his final, written proposal, Commissioner Smithey seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

V. Financial Matters

- A. **Review the financial report from the Treasurer for February 2026. (Action required.)** See the Treasurer's Report, attached.
- B. **Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution regarding a promissory note and security agreement for the purpose of financing a fire station. (Action will be required.)** Commissioners Howell moved to approve a resolution regarding a promissory note and security agreement with First Financial Bank, Commissioner Smithey seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Approve transferring funds to / from the district's bank account to / from its TexPool or TexPool Prime accounts. (Action may be required).** Commissioner McCormack moved to transfer \$1MIL from the District's TexPool Fund account to the District's TexPool Prime Fund account, Commissioner Walling seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.
- D. **Approve opening a new TexPool account for construction loan proceeds, including a resolution for the same, and a resolution designating authorized persons for District bank accounts (Action may be required.)** Commissioner McCormack informed the Board that he learned TexPool required no new resolution to open another account for the construction loan proceeds. Commissioner Walling moved to open an account titled "Station 2 Construction Loans Proceeds, Commissioner Howell seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- E. **Approve opening bank accounts with First Financial Bank of Waxahachie, including a resolution for the same, and a resolution designating authorized persons for District bank accounts.** Commissioner Walling moved to approve a resolution to open accounts with First Financial Bank naming authorized persons, Commissioner Howell seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- F. **Receive and approve payment of the ECESD#6 March 2026 bills. (Action required).** Treasurer Walling presented the District invoices for the preceding month, Commissioner Smithey moved to approve the payments as presented, Commissioner Howell seconded the motion, the 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.** Chief reported they 14 Calls, 1 false alarm, 6 motor vehicle accidents
 - **Chief to discuss a proposal to build an annex onto the Forreton VFD Station to house brush trucks (Action may be taken.)** Chief Curry has two bids and he's getting a third bid on the addition to the Forreton station. The bids are in the \$80,000 - \$90,000 range, so far.

- **Chief Curry's update on FVFD's skid unit grant and subsequent grants awarded.** Chief informed the Board that he has ordered a new skid unit from Metro Fire who reported that they are 20-22 weeks out on delivery.

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 Tyner reported the department had 103 calls for the month.

- **Chief to discuss grant for training equipment:** Chief reported the training door was picked up.
- **Chief to discuss a grant for PPE:** Chief reported he is working on taking advantage of this grant.

C. Set the date and time for the next ECESD#6 regular meeting. Without objection, Commissioner McCormack set the date of the next meeting on May 11, 2026.

VII. Comments from Commissioners: Commissioner McCormack asked the Board to consider compensating the notaries public who come to District meeting to notarize documents. He said that he would place this issue on the next Month's agenda.

VIII. Adjourn: Without objection, Commissioner McCormack called the meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM.



Chuck McCormack, President
ECESD #6 Board of Commissioners
April 14, 2026