

**ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 11, 2026**

DATE & PLACE: May 11, 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 April 13th, 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. **Report from the District's owner's representative, Mottla Architects, on the progress of the ESD6 FD Station 2, the project mobilization schedule and target date to commence construction.** Mr. Anthony Mottla informed the Board that the plans have been approved by the City, but they have not released the approval pending payment of the \$32,429.00 fee now due and payable. Commissioner McCormack moved to authorize Grossman Design Build to expedite this payment to the City and the District will reimburse Grossman, Commissioner Walling seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
  - B. **Approve executing a lease extension on the 103 Industrial Drive property.** Commissioner Howell moved to authorized Commissioner McCormack to execute a lease extension for ten months at \$5,500 / month, totaling \$55,000 due at signing, Commissioner Walling seconded, motion passed unanimously.
  - C. **Consider lease or purchase of land for a future ESD6 FD station.** Commissioner Howell informed the Board that Ellis County's Farm property on FM 878 may be

available to lease or purchase from the county for a future station. No action was taken.

- D. The Board will convene in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.074 “Personnel Matters” to deliberate the appointment and employment of a public officer or employee, specifically to discuss applicants for the position of Fire Chief of ESD6 Fire Department including selection of a final candidate and deliberation regarding a potential offer of employment.**

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

**In accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074 the Board will reconvene in Open Session and take any necessary action regarding the selection of a final candidate and authorization of an offer of employment for the position of Fire Chief of ESD6 FD.**

Commissioner McCormack recessed the public meeting into an executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074 “Personnel Matters” at 4:36 PM.

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

Commissioner McCormack reconvened the public meeting at 4:59 PM and announced that no action was taken during the executive session. Commissioner McCormack moved to authorize the Chief Search Committee to offer the finalist candidate a salary of \$130,000 with benefits of 7% matching defined benefit pension plan, health insurance with commensurate other benefits, Commissioner Walling seconded, motion passed unanimously.

- E. Approve compensating notaries public to attend ESD6 Board of Commissioners Meetings when needed.** Commissioner McCormack moved to authorize paying a notary public the going rate of a mobile notary, presently approximately \$75, to attend District meetings when needed, Commissioner Howell seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**V. Financial Matters**

- A. Review the financial report from the Treasurer for April 2026.** (Action required.) Treasurer Walling reviewed the Treasurer’s report, there were no corrections, Commissioner McCormack asked that the report be filed for audit. (See the Treasurer’s Report, attached.)
- B. Approve authorizing the Board Treasurer, or in their absence the President, to make construction-related and Board-approved payments via confirmed bank ACH or wire transfer.** Commissioner Howell moved to approve this authorization, Commissioner Smithey seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- C. Approve transferring funds to / from the district’s bank account to / from its TexPool or TexPool Prime accounts.** Commissioner Walling moved to transfer \$200,000 from the Tex Pool Operating Fund to the CNB of Texas money market account, Commissioner Howell seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- D. Receive and approve payment of the ECESD#6 April 2026 bills.** Commissioner Beer moved to approve the bills payments as presented, Commissioner Smithey seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- E. Receive presentation from Tom Manning regarding six month budget review.** Mr. Manning presented the Board with tax revenue and target budget projections based on the certified tax roll report for FY 2026. No action was taken.

- F. Approve a contract with Tom Manning to consult with the Board regarding budgeting and tax rate adoption.** Mr. Manning informed the Board that his proposal would be presented at the June board meeting. No action was taken.

**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 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 on a four-bay, 30 X 60-foot structure and he's getting a third bid on the addition to the Forreton station. The bids are less than \$100,000 so far. No action was taken.
- **Consider relocating the fuel tank at the Forreton Station.** Chief Curry reported that he had fire marshal approval to relocate the fuel tank.

- 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's report on new state of Texas cancer screening requirements** Chief will make sure that all District personnel are aware of this requirement and they are aware that the District will cover the expense.
- **Chief to report on annual hose testing** Chief reported that the hose tests were completed in April and only ten hoses failed compared to a nominal thirty failures last year.

- 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 June 8, 2026.

- VII. Comments from Commissioners:** Commissioner Walling reminded the Chiefs and commissioners to forward items of community interest to him to appropriately place on the District's Facebook page.

- VIII. Adjourn:** Without objection, Commissioner McCormack called the meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.



Chuck McCormack, President  
ECESD #6 Board of Commissioners  
June 8, 2026