

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
BREWSTER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1
DECEMBER 8, 2025**

1. Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

2. Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established. Members present: Jeanette Hall, Jim Hines, Christin Orren. Members absent: Linda Walker Others Present: Fire Chief Susan Martin, TFEMS President Valynda Henington, and TFEMS Admin Kathy Pothier

3. Confirm Posting of Agenda

The agenda was posted on December 2, 2024 at 5:00 by Christin Orren.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited for the United States of America

5. Moment of Silence

A Moment of Silence was observed.

6. Mission Statement

The mission statement was read by Christin Orren.

7. Public Comment

No comment.

8. Discussion and Action Items:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 18, 2025

A motion was made by Jim Hines, seconded by Christin Orren to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2025 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

B. REPORT FROM TERLINGUA FIRE & EMS, INC.

Several 2nd and even 3rd call-outs to critical, true-emergency scenes occurred on three different days. Three-on-shift was absolutely critical during this time, and members of the shift off duty generously lent their aid as well. Chute times averaged 2:11 (mm:ss) and Response times averaged 23:08 (mm:ss). There were many distant locations (and 2nd-call outs) in November, resulting in a response time of 30-60 minutes for 5 different calls.

C. FUNDING REQUEST/ALLOCATION

Members discussed the increase in ESD allotment to TFEMS. Christin Orren found that while their budget might be struggling due to high-priced equipment such as a top-of-the-line ambulance, their budget for salaries is fair and healthy when compared to Reeves County. Since the lack of our funding would result in less employment at TFEMS, and three-on-shift with two paramedics is the desired standard, the funding request seemed appropriate. Jeanette Hall requested that the increase in funding be postponed until TFEMS actually ceases to receive payments from the USDA grant which currently covers the paramedic's salaries. This would align us closer to our fiscal year, and ensure we adhere to our current budget. TFEMS will receive payments in January and February 2026 from USDA. Jim Hines maintained that

BCESD1 has enough money to fund TFEMS fund increase and that it is appropriate to do so to maintain current operations. All members agreed that some sort of sub-station or at least strategically placed water trucks near Terlingua Ranch would serve our community well, and it seems that this now might not be feasible with our current collection rate and the cost of funding our Service Provider TFEMS.

Jim Hines made a motion, seconded by Christin Orren to approve the funding request increase for TFEMS in 2026 with disbursement to begin in March of 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

D. CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

The Contract for Services for 2026 was signed by the District and TFEMS Board.

E. ESD COMMISSIONER REPLACEMENT

A motion was made by Christin Orren, seconded by Jeanette Hall to pass along the introductory email and the recommendation for Adam Daley to fill the vacant commissioner seat. The motion passed with two votes, Jim Hines opposed.

F. REVIEW IMBURSEMENT POLICY

No changes were made.

G. ANNUAL PAYMENT TO ELAINE LAMBERT FOR WEBSITE HOSTING

A motion was made by Christin Orren, seconded by Jeanette Hall to pay Elaine Lambert \$550 for our website hosting. The motion passed unanimously.

H. CLOSED MEETING

N/A

**I. OPEN MEETING - CLOSED MEETING ITEM(S) FOR THE BOARD
CONSIDERATION/ACTION**

N/A

9. Set Date and Time for Next Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Jeanette Hall, seconded by Christin Orren to set the date and time for the next regular meeting on January 20, 2026 at 4:30pm.

10. Adjournment

Christin Orren moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Jeanette Hall, Secretary