

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BREWSTER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1
May 19, 2026**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:32

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with Christin Orren, Jim Hines, Jeanette Hall, and Linda Walker present. Adam Daley was absent. Others present were, TFEMS Executive Director Kathy Pothier, Valynda Henington, and Judge Greg Henington.

3. CONFIRM POSTING OF AGENDA

The agenda was posted at 6:00 P.M. on May 14, 2026 by Linda Walker

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

None

8. REPORT FROM JUDGE HENINGTON REGARDING STATUS OF ALPINE ESD

Brewster County is moving toward the creation of a second ESD as a result of the pending departure of the current provider, Emergent Air from Alpine, TX. BCESD#1 will need to ratify the proposed coverage area map at our June meeting. There will be a public hearing on June 16, 2026 for the new ESD to be able to be on the November ballot. It is possible that Judge Henington may need to request assistance from TFEMS personnel should Emergent Air cancel services sooner than anticipated.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON:

A. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 24, 2026

A motion was made by Christin Orren and seconded by Jim Hines to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 21, 2026. The motion passed unanimously

B. REPORT FROM TERLINGUA FIRE AND EMS, INC.

TFEMS reports that they are saving money by filling their vehicles with gas from their bulk tanks rather than paying retail prices in Alpine. Four in-house EMTs are preparing to start Paramedic training. Two are scheduled to graduate in 2027. Jamie Weatherford should graduate sooner than that. Instead of hiring a 2nd paramedic, Chief Martin prefers to grow local crews rather than hire out for someone to relocate here.

C. FUNDING REQUEST/ALLOCATION

A motion was made by Linda Walker and seconded by Jeanette Hall to dispose of Rescue 3 by way of trade-in for the NEW Fire/First Response vehicle being purchased. The trade-in value for Rescue 3 will be 5,500. The motion passed unanimously.

TFEMS' monthly disbursement mistake discussed in April 2026 arose from TFEMS understanding that the payments would be divided over 10 months, whereas ESD1 understood payments to be divided over 12 months. If this misunderstanding between the two parties results in a budget deficit for TFEMS, ESD1 fully intends to fund that deficit.

A motion was made by Christin Orren and seconded by Jeanette Hall to keep the payments at the amount originally calculated by the treasurer in the 2025 December meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

D. IMPROVEMENT TO EMERGENCY INFRASTRUCTURES

N/A

E. EDWARD JONES CD REINVESTMENT

A motion was made by Christin Orren, seconded by Jim Hines to reinvest with Edward Jones for a CD at \$300,000 for 2 years. The motion passed unanimously.

F. ESD ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

No report yet

G. CLOSED MEETING

N/A

H. OPEN MEETING-CLOSED MEETING ITEM(S) FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION/ACTION

N/A

10. TREASURERS REPORT

Jeanette reported that as of April 30, 2026 the ESD had a balance of \$682,760.87 in the maintenance and operation fund. Edward Jones investment account had \$813,717.36. LOGIC had a balance of \$564,030.52 and TexStar Investment Pool had a balance of \$815,381.82.

11. SET TIME FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Christin Orren noted that the next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2026 at 4:30pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Christin Orren, seconded by Jeanette Hall to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 P.M. The motion passed unanimously

Christin Orren, President