

**COMAL COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 6**  
**April 12 2021 MINUTES**

The Comal County Emergency Services District No. 6 Commissioners met telephonically on April 12, 2021. The dial in number for this meeting was (978) 990-5000, access code 348563. The meeting was recorded. This is a synopsis of the recorded minutes

**Agenda Item #1.** Call to order and establish quorum.

Commissioner Coley called the telephonic meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Commissioners Maschek, Pierce, and Waechter were present telephonically. Commissioner Solomon was absent. BVFD Fire Chief Donald Zipp, Schertz EMS Operations Manager Brandon Hill, the President of the Copper Ridge Property Owners Association (POA) Sue Martin and Secretary of the Copper Ridge POA Bobbie Wolford were also present telephonically.

**Agenda Item #2.** Receive Public Comment on topics not posted on the meeting agenda. 3–minute limit per citizen.

No public comment.

**Agenda Item #3.** Approval of the draft synopsis minutes of the March 8, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion to approve the draft synopsis minutes of the March 8, 2021 regular meeting as written was made by Commissioner Waechter and seconded by Commissioner Pierce. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #4.** Receive and take action on the Treasurer's report.

Commissioner Waechter provided a copy of the treasurer's report to each commissioner. As of March 31, 2021, the cash balance in bank accounts was \$1,971,610.17. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Commissioner Pierce and seconded by Commissioner Coley. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #5.** Take action on outstanding bills owed by the District.

Commissioner Waechter reported that there were six bills for approval by the District. Seidel invoice 6 for \$54,365.41; Seidel Invoices 7 & 8 totaling \$59,864.29 and Seidel invoice 9 for \$58,006.03. The ESD also paid TCEQ \$12,351.00 for a fine imposed on the ESD for the Delafield station property. An invoice from Burns, Anderson, Jury, Brenner, LLP for attorney fees totaling \$1,906.70 was also paid. Motion to pay the outstanding bills for the District was made by Commissioner Maschek and seconded by Commissioner Pierce. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #6.** Review, discussion, and possible action on the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Copper Ridge Property Owners Association and ESD No 6 President Coley and Commissioner Maschek.

Commissioner Coley and Maschek along with BVFD Chief Zipp met with the Copper Ridge Property Owners Association (POA) Board on 25 March 2021 via Zoom. The Copper Ridge POA Board representatives were: President Sue Martin, Secretary Bobbie Wolford, and board representatives Cesar Alvarado, Jack Striegel, Melynda Caudle and Garry Elliott. At the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, Commissioner Coley informed the Copper Ridge POA what ESD 6 had done over the past few years to enhance services to Copper Ridge. ESD No 6 had requested the Copper Ridge POA Past President (Jim White) approach the developer to donate land to ESD No 6 for a substation to support Copper Ridge prior to building a substation on FM 1863. We also worked with our County Commissioner to try and negotiate access through private property to Copper Ridge from the back side off FM 1863 to enhance response time. ESD 6 met with ESDs 2 & 3 to heighten awareness and see what could be done to enhance response time to Copper Ridge. Commissioner Coley also explained that BVFD, as the first responder for medical has all of its personnel trained as EMTs. They also have the same medical equipment capability for patient treatment as Schertz but no medical transport capability. It was also mentioned that blue street hydrant markers will be reinstalled in Copper Ridge when hydrant checks are done in the near future. Copper Ridge POA President Martin concurred with Commissioner Coley's summary and reiterated the necessity to reduce EMS response time. Copper Ridge Secretary Bobbie Wolford mentioned that the POA would approach the developer on land for a substation and also work the ingress/egress through the Ohlrich Ranch to FM 1863. Commissioner Coley extended an offer to brief the Copper Ridge POA in person when the pandemic is lifted and normal in person POA meetings are resumed.

**Agenda Item #7.** Update, review, discussion and possible action on ESD No 6 President Coley and Secretary Maschek meeting with ESD No 2 and 3 on April 5, 2021.

Commissioner Coley, Maschek and Chief Zipp met telephonically with ESD 2 President Jim Whitcomb and ESD 3 President Don Wagner and Chief Brinkkoeter and discussed various courses of action to enhance support to the Copper Ridge area. We all decided that it would be best to conduct a study and produce a white paper on the things that were in the realm of possibility and legality (unconstrained by money) that we could do to provide the fastest response times along HWY 46 in our overlapping areas. Jim Whitcomb took the lead on producing the draft white paper and will circulate it among the participants mentioned above for comment. When the draft white paper is somewhat agreed upon by the ESDs we will get the attorneys for the 3 ESDs involved to ensure what we are proposing is legal and advisable. One of the courses of action we seemed to keep coming back to is an interlocal agreement since mutual aid is not working the way Copper Ridge desires. An interlocal agreement is basically a contract that would be entered into by ESD 6 with ESD 2&3 to have them be the provider of service for Copper Ridge and that service would be provided by some reimbursement formula. ESD 6 will work to have some resolution within the next 60 to 90 days. Copper Ridge President Sue Martin was happy to hear that we are working to resolve the EMS response time to Copper Ridge.

**Agenda Item #8.** Receive a report on recent activities of the Bracken Volunteer Fire Department.

Chief reported that the Department is doing well and they are still cleaning and reorganizing after moving back into the remodeled Central Station. All three shifts received their quarterly training with Schertz this past week. Training will be the focus over the next few months. BVFD is still awaiting the ADA inspection on the renovated station. The City of Schertz is looking at annexing 140 acres along Evans Road that is in Comal County ESD 6 but also under the extra territorial jurisdiction of Schertz. Commissioner Coley talked with Schertz Developmental Planner, Mr. Adrian Perez, who said they are moving ahead on annexing the property. When ESD No 6 receives the official annex notification from Schertz we will need to forward it to our attorney, Ken Campbell, to properly complete the annexation. This property will become a large warehousing area under the City of Schertz and ESD 6 will have no responsibility for emergency services.

**Agenda Item #10.** Receive a report on the recent activities of the Schertz EMS.

Schertz EMS Operations Manager Brandon Hill reported that they have been busy with running the vaccination center for the City of Schertz. Covid hospitalization in the region has been around 200 which is a slight increase but our service area has not seen a lot of increase.

**Agenda Item #11.** Receive a Bracken Volunteer Fire Department Board update.

Chief Zipp reported that they are wrapping up the BVFD annual Audit.

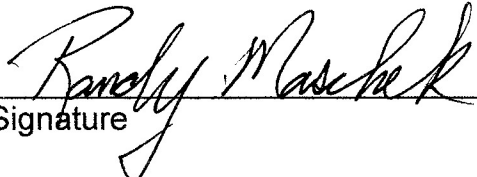
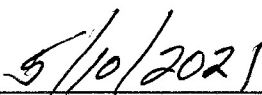
**Agenda Item #12.** Set date, time, and location for next meeting of ESD No.6.

All commissioners agreed that the next regular meeting will be telephonically on May 10, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. Cancellation of telephonic meeting will depend upon the Comal County COVID-19 restrictions.

**Agenda Item #13.** Adjourn

Commissioner Coley adjourned the meeting at 6:35 P.M.

Commissioner Randy Maschek, Secretary, ESD No. 6

	
Signature	Date