## COMAL COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 6 July 7, 2025 MINUTES

The Comal County Emergency Services District No. 6 Commissioners met in regular session July 7, 2025 at the Bracken Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) Central Station located at 23600 FM 3009, San Antonio, Texas 78266.

Agenda Item #1. Call to order and establish quorum and pledges to the flags.

Commissioner Solomon called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Commissioners Brown, Maschek and Smith were present. Commissioner Coley was absent. BVFD Board President Charlie Flink and BVFD Fire Chief Donald Zipp were present.

**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 minutes of the June 5, 2025 regular meeting.

Motion to approve the draft minutes of the June 5, 2025 regular meeting as written was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Smith provided a copy of the treasurer's report to each Commissioner. As of June 30, 2025, the cash balance in bank accounts was \$5,103,231.51. Commission Smith also provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Investment Summary Report to the Board. Motion to accept the treasurer's report and the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Investment Summary Report was made by Commissioner Maschek and seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5. Take action on outstanding bills owed by CC ESD No. 6 District.

Commissioner Smith reported that there were the three 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2025 Contract fees for BVFD (\$594,412.50), Schertz EMS (\$41,133.60) and ESD 3 ILA (\$76,662.75) are due in July and two bills for the ESD No. 6 District. An invoice for \$2,999.50 from BVFD for equipment purchased for the new tanker truck and an invoice for \$227,770.97 from HEAT Safety Equipment LLC for new Self-Contained Breathing apparatuses (SCBA). Commissioner Smith will pay the HEAT invoice by ACH payment. Commissioner Smith also reported that the main station's new LED lighting and the seal coat for both BVFD stations have increased above the previous amount that the Board authorized last year. Commissioner Smith made a motion to pay our two bills and authorize LED lighting not to exceed \$13,000.0 and seal-coating at both stations not to exceed \$9000.00. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #6.** Review, discussion and possible action on a Master Planning Committee report for expansion to support CC ESD No. 6 consistent with anticipated growth and support requirement of the district.

Commissioner Solomon announced the completion of the Master Planning Committee Report for CC ESD No. 6, addressing anticipated growth and support needs. He thanked committee members for their independent research. The Committee interviewed the Comal County Engineer, Garden Ridge City Manager, and TXDOT to discuss district growth and review related plans. They assessed current ESD No. 6 stations and noted that, their assessment concludes that with recent upgrades to the Central Station and if the proposed Purlsong station is realized and if the upgrades are made to the Waechter Sub-station, the district would have adequate facilities to support the district for the next 10 years with anticipated growth. It was suggested that discussions continue with Schertz EMS for positioning and that the interlocal agreement be reviewed if the Purlsong station moves forward. (Encl: 1 Comal County ESD No.6 Master Planning Committee Report June 10, 2025 minus attachments)

**Agenda Item #7.** Update, discussion and possible action on the future construction at the Comal County ESD No 6 Waechter Sub-Station.

Commissioners Solomon and Smith reviewed AG/CM's unofficial estimates for proposed work to upgrade the existing Waechter Sub-station. They discussed strategies to make this project more efficient that could provide for a more economical solution.

Agenda Item #8. Receive a report on the recent activities of the Schertz EMS.

No Schertz EMS representative was available. Chief Zipp reported that Schertz EMS had deployed 2 crews and the ambulance bus to Kerrville to assist in the disaster.

**Agenda Item #9.** Receive a report on recent activities of the Bracken Volunteer Fire Department.

Chief Zipp reported that the new tender is fully equipped and stationed at the Waechter Substation. BVFD and the Waechter station had several water rescues along FM 1863 over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Five individuals were rescued out of a home and several Uber drivers were also rescued after they drove into high waters. Chief also reported that our ILA with ESD No. 3 had a total of 23 responses; (8 Fire and 14 EMS) for the period of 4/1/2025 through 6/30/2025. Thirteen of the 23 calls (9 Medical and 4 Fire related) occurred in Copper Ridge. Training is on-going for the new SBCAs.

**Agenda Item #10.** Receive a Bracken Volunteer Fire Department Board update. BVFD Board President, Charlie Flink, reported that they spent the last month working the 2026 Operations budget for the BVFD. They are also working diligently to update the BVFD member email list for the entire BVFD service area.

**Agenda Item #11.** Review, discussion and possible action on the BVFD Board approved budget for 2026.

BVFD Board President, Charlie Flink, went over the 2026 Operations Budget for BVFD which is a 9.29% increase over the 2025 budget. The budget included an across the board 5% wage increase for all full-time employees and added one full time employee in CY 2026. Personnel Payroll accounts for 86.86% of the total BVFD budget.

Commissioner Maschek made a motion that we take the BVFD CY 2026 Operations Budget under consideration and add it to our ESD No. 6 Budget for CY 2026. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item # 12** Review discussion and possible action on the CC ESD No. 6 draft-budget for 2026.

Commissioner Smith presented a draft budget for CY 2026 for CC ESD No. 6. The Board discussed the budget and made recommendations which will be input into a revised draft 2026 CC ESD Budget. The revised draft budget will be reviewed, discussed and will have possible action taken during our August 11, 2025 ESD No. 6 Board meeting.

**Agenda Item #13.** Update, discussion and possible action on the Chesmar Homes Purslong development donating land and building a station to be deeded free and clear to ESD No. 6.

No report at this meeting.

**Agenda Item #14.** Set monthly meeting date, time and location for the next regular meeting of ESD No. 6.

All commissioners agreed that the next regular meeting will be August 11, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at the BVFD Central Station, 23600 FM 3009, San Antonio, TX.78266

Agenda Item #15. Adjourn.

Commissioner Solomon adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Commissioner Randall P. Maschek, Secretary, ESD No. 6

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