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**Hardin County Emergency**

**Services District No. 6**

**Minutes for Regular Meeting: May 13, 2025 at 6:30 PM**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hardin County ESD 6, on Tuesday May 13, 2025 will hold a 6:30 PM meeting at Silsbee Fire Department, 1205 N 5th St., Silsbee, Texas 77656. HCESD6 may hold the meeting under the provision of Government Code 551.127. A quorum will be present.

1. Call to Order.
2. Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and roll call.
   1. Board
      1. Robin Jones- Fire Chief- Present
      2. David Andersen – President- Present
      3. Randal Stephens – Vice President- Present
      4. Tommy Bartosh – Treasurer- Present
      5. Joe Simpson – Assistant Treasurer- Present
      6. Joe Clark – Secretary- Present
      7. Attorney-Germer P.L.L.C.- Kate Leverett and Anna Seale- Both present
   2. Recognize Visitors- Please see sign-in sheet
3. Public Comments – Limited to 3 minutes; no formal action, discussion, deliberation, or comment will be made by the Board of Commissioners.
4. Ambulance Report- Jason Cooper- Acadian
   1. Please see report
5. Grant Writer - Angela Ungles- Update/discuss and/or approve applying for any current grants the Station may be eligible for and answer any questions the board may have. (Absent) (Note: Reach out to Angela concerning research on any grants that may help with replacement of the current drone if the law is passed that forbids the use of any drones that are originally manufactured in China.)
6. Fire Chief’s Report- Robin Jones: Runs for April 2025- **86** Year to date- **348**

Fires- **9**,Medical- **75,** Hazardous- **1,** Service Calls- **1**,False Alarms- **0**

1. Consent Agenda Items:
   1. Approval of April 2025 meeting minutes- Motion was made to approve by Joe Clark and seconded by Tommy Bartosh.
   2. Treasurer’s Report- Tommy Bartosh, Treasurer, and Approval of April’s outgoing payments by Station’s Accounts Payable: Please see report provided then explained in detail by Tommy Bartosh. The board was in favor of the report being reviewed now including percentages showing where we are in accordance with the approved budget for the year at this time. A motion was made to approve by Joe Clark and seconded by Joe Simpson.
2. Business
   1. Review/ Discuss/ Possible Action: Sale of Engine currently at Sid Martins- A motion was made by Joe Clark to sell Engine 64 because of the current state of the Engine and all the repairs and maintenance needing to be done on such an outdated Engine. The motion was seconded by Joe Simpson, with all in favor of the Fire Chief, Robin Jones beginning the process of building an Engine that the station will be ordering this year but will not be purchased through funds using the current budget for 2025, but rather will be delivered after the New Year and purchased out of the 2026 budget.
   2. Review/ Discuss/ Possible Action: Open sealed bids for computer hardware and service agreement- The sealed bid turned in was opened and a motion made by Joe Clark to accept the bid from Defcor IT Systems, which was seconded by Randall Stephens. Board was all for and in agreement to proceed with Defcor’s proposed bid.
   3. Review/ Discuss/ Possible Action: Kommercial Kitchens- Please see attached estimate- A motion was made by Tommy Bartosh and seconded by Joe Simpson to approve the purchase of both an add-on griddle for the stovetop already installed in the station, as well as a gas floor fryer to assist with training meals and any events held at the station/or by the station.
   4. Review/ Discuss/ Possible Action: Lawyers findings on the use of Station by Kim Best for training purposes, if legal and appropriate, is board in agreement of approving- The use of the fire station for training/educating purposes was tabled, to be put on next months Agenda, after more discussion can be had with the potential Instructor, Kim Best.
   5. Review/ Discuss/ Possible Action: Dylan Walker- Rubberworx- Presentation/questions/concerns on styles and colors for potential bay area floor coverings- Dylan presented the board with ideas and designs he had in mind for the bay floor coverings and will be getting specs turned into the station so that we can go out for bids.
   6. Review/ Discuss/ Possible Action: Trade in price on Engine 64 is $25000.00- Please see 8-A
   7. Review/ Discuss/ Possible Action: Replaced batteries on Rescue 61, under warranty- This maintenance was completed.
   8. Review/ Discuss/ Possible Action: Will be ordering dive gear this month, after pricing the equipment needed, the total price is $16000.00- Motion made by Randall Stephens and seconded by Joe Clark to approve the cost of the dive gear needed for water rescues. Board was all in favor.
3. Action Items
   1. Review/ Approve: Chief requesting 3 Rope Rescue Backpacks- price per backpack is $256.00 for a total of $768.00- Motion was made by Joe Clark and seconded by Randall Stephens to approve the purchase of 3 rope backpacks to be used in potential rescue situations.
   2. Review/ Approve: Chief requesting lighted, pop-up safety cones 28’’ tall, pack of 12- totaling $140.00- Motion made by Joe Simpson and seconded by Joe Clark to approve the purchase of the lighted safety cones to be used in controlling traffic more safely at night.
   3. Review/ Approve: Chief requesting 4 stop/slow lighted signs for traffic control- price per sign is $195.00 for a total of $780.00- Motion was made by Joe Simpson and seconded by Joe Clark to approve the purchase of 4 lighted signs to also be used in any nighttime traffic control situations.
   4. Review/ Approve: Joe Clark requesting the Station order 5 radios from United Communications. We currently have 0 radios in reserve. Each radio has an estimated cost of $4800.00 for a total of $19,200.00 (Discuss an amendment to budget for covering this expense)- The purchase of anymore radios was tabled for now, to be revisited when the station begins talks on the 2026 budget.
4. Executive Session

Adjourn- Motion made by Randall Stephens to adjourn

Time- 8:10 PM

Notes to the Agenda:

1. The board may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in this agenda
2. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact Chief Robin Jones at 409-385-4761 prior to the meeting so that the appropriate arrangements can be made.

This is to certify that I, Joe Clark, posted this agenda on the Official Bulletin Board of the HCESD6 at 1205 N. 5th St. Silsbee on May 9th, 2025 @ 10:30 AM, which is also accessible to the public 24 hours a day on the county services district website [www.hcesd6.org](http://www.hcesd6.org)

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Joe Clark- Secretary

Government Code 551, Subchapter D

Section 551.071 – Consultation with District’s Attorney regarding possible litigation

Section 551.072 – Deliberation about real property

Section 551.071 – Matters of Personnel

Section 551.076 - To Deliberate the Deployment or Specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices.

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed or executive session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any agenda item included in this Notice, then such closed or executive meeting or session, as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, will be held by the Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Notice concerning any and all subjects for any and all purposes permitted by §551.071-551.084 of the Texas Government Code and the Texas Open Meetings Act, but not limited to, §551.071 – for the purpose of a private consultation with the Board’s attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized be law.