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**Hardin County Emergency**

**Services District No. 6**

**Minutes for Regular Meeting: August 12, 2025 at 6:30 PM**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hardin County ESD 6, on Tuesday August 12, 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- **6:30 PM**
2. Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and roll call
   1. Board- **All Present**
      1. Robin Jones- Fire Chief
      2. David Andersen – President
      3. Randal Stephens – Vice President
      4. Tommy Bartosh – Treasurer
      5. Joe Simpson – Assistant Treasurer
      6. Joe Clark – Secretary
      7. Attorney-Germer P.L.L.C**.- Kate Leverett-** **Present**
   2. Recognize Visitors- Please see sign-in sheet- **Member from Southeast Tx Critical Incident Stress Management Team- Announced they will be at the station for any firemen or first responders that might be in need on Tuesday, August 19th at 6:00 PM**
3. Public Comments – Limited to 3 minutes; no formal action, discussion, deliberation, or comment will be made by the Board of Commissioners- **No public comments**
4. Ambulance Report- Jason Cooper- Acadian (Please see report) – **Discussed how Acadian will be focusing on getting response times back within their normal ranges after not reaching goals in July-**
5. Grant Writer - Angela Ungles- Update/discuss and/or approve any grants the Station may be eligible for and answer any questions concerning grants that the board may have- **A Texas Forestry Services Grant, totaling $275,000.00 has been approved and is available to the station to go towards the purchase of a new water-tanker truck. The board will meet to discuss this in more detail soon-**
6. Fire Chief’s Report- Robin Jones: **Total runs for** **July 2025**- **78**, **July 2024- 60, Year to date- 663**

**Fires- 9, Rescue & Emergency/Medical- 67, Hazardous Condition- 1, Service Call- 1, False Alarms- 0.**

1. Consent Agenda Items:
   1. Approval of July 2025 meeting minutes- **A motion was made to approve meeting minutes from July’s board meeting by Tommy Bartosh and seconded by Randall Stephens- Board all in favor, none opposed-**
   2. Treasurer’s Report- Tommy Bartosh- Present financial reports and allow board to review and get approval of Station’s Junes accounts Payable/Receivable: Please see report- **A motion to approve the treasurers report was made by Randall Stephens and seconded by Joe Clark- Board all in favor, none opposed-**
2. Business Items:
   1. Review/ Discuss/ Possible Action: Discuss and vote on a voters-approval tax rate of 0.026750 for Hardin County Emergency Services District 6, for October 1, 2025- September 30, 2026 (Tommy Bartosh)- **A motion was made by Joe Clark and seconded by Randall Stephens to approve the above tax rate- Board all in favor, none opposed-**
   2. Review/ Discuss/ Possible Action: Discuss setting a date of August 19, 2025 at 6:00 PM for a public hearing for proposed tax rate, followed by an HCESD6 special call meeting at 6:30 PM to vote on proposed tax rate (Tommy Bartosh)- **A motion was made by Joe Clark and seconded by Joe Simpson to approve a public hearing on August 28th at 6 PM, followed by an HCESD6 special call meeting at 6:30 PM- Board all in favor, none opposed-**
   3. Review/ Discuss/ Possible Action: Discuss digital sign and ways the station could make more use out of it in a positive way (example- Recognizing a fireman of the month, adding some sort of inspirational quote, etc.) Ideas? (David Andersen)- **A motion was made by Tommy Bartosh and seconded by Joe Simpson to table discussion until the station has access to the sign for editing purposes- Board all in favor, none opposed-**
   4. Review/ Discuss/ Possible Action: Continue review and discussion on rate per call for volunteers (Joe Clark)- **Discussions/brainstorming will continue until the 2026 budget planning begins. Joe Clark will be working on a proposal that coincides with the amount of time spent on calls that are responded to by station volunteers-**
   5. Review/ Discuss/ Possible Action: Discuss title/name given to the station and the possibility of changing it, if possible; as well as having a memorial plaque made to show the remembrance of those who resided on this property before us, out of respect and to show tribute for the school that once stood here, it’s teachers, and it’s students (Joe Clark)- **Motion made by Tommy Bartosh and seconded by Joe Simpson to table discussion until a later date- Board all in favor, none opposed-**
3. Action Items
   1. Review/ Approve: Request to get a quote/estimate for a lighted sign to include the physical address and potentially be placed on the brick directly under the digital sign that is currently in place at the front of the station (Randall Stephens)- **Motion made to table subject pending estimates/quotes by Randall Stephens and seconded by Joe Simpson- Board all in favor, none opposed-**
   2. Review/ Approve: Swift Water Training: Will be sending 8 so far this year, each student’s training is $1300.00- Totaling $10,400.00 (this does not include expenses for lodging, per-diem for food/drinks, etc. (Robin Jones, Chief)- **Motion made to approve swift water training in the amount of $10,400.00 by Randall Stephens and seconded by Joe Clark- Board all in favor, none opposed-**
   3. Review/ Approve: Will need to replace foam that we received from Sour Lake and used on the Clear Stream Fire. Total needing to be replaced is 100 gallons, totaling $4,800.00 (Robin Jones)- **Motion made to table subject of foam until station discusses with Clear Stream by Joe Clark and seconded by Tommy Bartosh- Board all in favor, none opposed**-
4. Executive Session

Adjourn- **Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Randall Stephens and seconded by Joe Simpson- Board all in favor, none opposed-**

Time- **8:43 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, David Andersen, posted this agenda on the Official Bulletin Board of the HCESD6 at 1205 N. 5th St. Silsbee on August 6, 2025 @ 3:00 PM, 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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David Andersen, President

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.