

Comal County Emergency Services District #6

MINUTES

Minutes of regular meeting held on October 12, 2009 at the Bracken Volunteer Fire Department Central Station.

Commissioners Present: Wittler, Fleming, Loehman, and Waechter
BVFD Chief Zipp, BVFD Board members Kern, Schroeder, Moos

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Commissioner Wittler.

Motion to accept the minutes made by Waechter, second by Loehman. Motion carried.

Waechter read the treasurer report. As of September 30, the cash balance was \$296,370.84. Motion to accept the treasurer report was made by Fleming and second by Loehman. Motion carried.

Waechter reported there were no outstanding bills.

Fleming reported that there has not been a response from New Braunfels Fire Department on the proposal to protect additional territory on Texas 46. Item was tabled.

BVFD President Schroeder apologized for the manner which the BVFD board handled their budget approval. He stated that the board discussed the budget in an executive session along with other matters. The budget was approved upon reconvening the regular session with no deliberation. This is a violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Kern presented the BVFD 2010 Budget, which included \$541,970.00 from ESD #6 and was a deficit budget. A lively discussion of the budget followed. Fleming suggested three alternatives to BVFD's request which would have balanced their budget, but reduced their capital expense of \$50,000 towards the truck fund and the installation of fire sprinklers in the Central Station. Waechter made a motion to accept the budget as presented by Kern and Loehman second. The vote was split with Fleming and Wittler voting no, and Waechter and Loehman voting yes. More discussion followed but no further motions were made. The matter is tabled.

The approval of the BVFD 2010 contract was tabled since the contract amount was not decided.

Chief Zipp reported that the month has been very busy with calls switching from fire to accident and water rescues due to the past rain events. The high water rescues has caused additional maintenance to the vehicles.

The next regular meeting will be at 7:00 PM on November 9, 2009 at the Bracken Volunteer Fire Department Central Station.

Waechter made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM and Loehman second. Motion carried.

Robert Fleming
Secretary