

# Comal County Emergency Services District #6

## MINUTES

Minutes of regular meeting held on July 13, 2009 at the Bracken Volunteer Fire Department Central Station.

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

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 June 30, the cash balance was \$356,338.05. Motion to accept the treasurer report was made by Loehman and second by Stegman. Motion carried.

Waechter reported no outstanding bills.

Fleming has not made any progress in obtaining data from the BVFD's software package on run data. The software does not allow the raw data to be exported. Either the software will be upgraded or we will have to work off of printed reports. It is believed the printed reports will not give us all the information we may need.

Fleming reported receiving a letter from Schertz EMS stating there will be a 3% increase in the per capita rate for 2010. After discussion it was decided to accept the increase but not increase our population estimate. It is believed that our current population estimate of 6300 is adequate. Waechter made the motion and Loehman second. Motion carried. Fleming will respond with our decision.

Stegman reported on the Schertz EMS luncheon held on July 13. Schertz wants to offer a subscription to citizens in their response area. By subscribing, the subscription would cover out of pocket expense once subscribers insurance is billed or a 40% discount for those without insurance. Each entity will have to give approval for Schertz to solicit their citizens.

Moos presented a 10 year projection of their income needs (attached). It is their belief that the ESD should pursue an advalorem tax increase at this time because of the time lag in getting an election approved and receiving the increased revenues. Fleming presented a 10 year projection of revenues based on current data. Until the economy improves our sales tax and advalorem estimates are questionable but not unrealistic. Further discussions will be required. We believe that with modest budget increases, we will be able to sustain our services. Any future additional personnel or equipment will have to be decided on very carefully given the current economic climate.

Zipp reported the fireworks ban was successful. They had no fireworks related fire calls over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

The next regular meeting will be at 7:00 PM on August 10, 2009 at the Bracken Volunteer Fire Department Central Station.

Waechter made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM and Loehman second. Motion carried.

Robert Fleming  
Secretary