PANOLA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1
Special Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2026 – 12:00 P.M.
Carthage Civic Center, 1702 South Adams St., Carthage, TX 75633

PCESD #1 Commissioners Present: Dallas Boothe, Taylor Harris, Stuart Lipsey & Justin Yates

1. Chairman Lipsey called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM and established a quorum.

2. The board reviewed minutes from April 21, 2026, regular meeting. On a motion by Yates, seconded by Boothe, the minutes were unanimously approved.

3. During public comments, Robert Delconte discussed the lack of progress for a Junior Firefighting Program and the Open Records Requests that have still not been fulfilled. He expressed concern with the VFD's not abiding by their contracts with PCESD #1. Garth Lagrone discussed deficiencies, recourse and consequences in operations at Beckville VFD and his removal from the department. He expressed concern with the oversight of property, mismanagement of vehicles and the changing of Beckville VFD Bylaws.

4. Billy Alexander, representing the Chief's Association, reported that the Chiefs are working on their 2027 budget and plan to not add anything to the capital budget. The TXFS grant for the Community-Four truck should be mailed soon.

5. The board discussed Inter-Community VFD's request to move budgeted capital funds that were approved and allocated for rescue equipment to their station remodel. After discussion by the board, on a motion by Harris, a second by Boothe, and a unanimous vote following, the board agreed to move remaining capital balance from rescue equipment to station remodel.

6. The board discussed the status of VFD's 990-N filings. All departments have completed them and turned them in to the ESD.

7. The board discussed preliminary property tax evaluations and related estimated tax collection options. The ESD is capped at $0.03 and will have to take it to a county vote to get more if they choose in the future.

8. The board discussed an audit extension request for the 2025 audit. After review, on a motion by Yates, seconded by Boote, the board unanimously approved to file an audit extension request with the Panola County Commissioners Court.

9. The board reviewed the APEX lawn care service agreement for 2026. On a motion by Yates, seconded by Boothe, the board unanimously approved the contract.

10. CPA Nixon presented the May 2026 bills for payment and discussed which fund the TML deductible should be paid from. After review, on a motion by Harris, a second by Yates, and a unanimous vote following, the bills that were presented were approved for payment and the deductible should come from the budgeted category of insurance

11. The May 2026 financial statements were presented by CPA Nixon and he updated departments on their budget items. The board discussed the CD that is maturing May 22, 2026, and the option to roll over into the "High 5" account. After the discussion, on a motion by Yates, a second by Harris, and a unanimous vote following, the May financial statements and rollover of the CD were approved.

12. On a motion by Harris, with no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 P.M. The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 16, 2026, at 12:00 P.M., to be held at the Carthage Civic Center, 1702 S. Adams Street, Carthage, Texas.

Board Member
Dated 6/16/26