

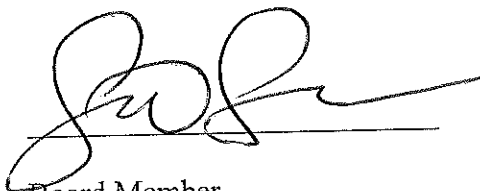
**PANOLA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 20, 2026 – 12:00 P.M.**  
**Carthage Civic Center, 1702 South Adams St., Carthage, TX 75633**

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

1. Chairman Lipsey called the meeting to order at 11:57 AM and established a quorum.
2. The board reviewed minutes from December 16, 2025, regular meeting. On a motion by Yates, seconded by Harris, the minutes were unanimously approved.
3. During public comments, Sheila Delconte read a statement to the board.
4. Chairman Lipsey introduced the newly appointed ESD Commissioners, Dallas Boothe and Luke Burnett. Lipsey discussed training requirements and thanked them for their commitment to the community. The board then discussed the election of board officers for 2026. On a motion by Harris, a second by Yates, and a unanimous vote following Stuart Lipsey was elected as Chairman. On a motion by Harris, a second by Boothe, and a unanimous vote following Justin Yates was elected as Vice Chairman. On a motion by Harris, a second by Yates, and a unanimous vote following Luke Burnett was elected as Treasurer. On a motion by Lipsey, a second by Yates, and a unanimous vote following Taylor Harris was elected as Assistant Treasurer. On a motion by Yates, a second by Harris, and a unanimous vote following Dallas Boothe was elected as Secretary. All Commissioners should sign a new signature card at First State Bank and Trust Company for accounts 084700 and 478729.
5. Mark Dawson, representing the Chief's Association, discussed a building project for Gary VFD estimated at \$10,000-\$12,000. Dawson advised the board that TXFS grants for the VFD's are expected to arrive in the next few weeks. The ESD agrees to pay up front for PPE items covered by these grants should they arrive before the grant money with the understanding the ESD will be reimbursed with the grant funds.
6. The board discussed the transfer of gas-powered TNT tools from Woods VFD to Community Four VFD. After reviewing, on a motion by Yates, a second by Harris, and a unanimous vote following, the transfer of tools was approved.
7. The board discussed Inter-Community VFD expending up to \$1,000 from its 2026 operating budget for attorney review and preparation necessary to comply with a District Court Judgement on a Petition for Declaratory Judgement related to a Public Information Request. Chairman Lipsey summarized to the board the request and findings from the hearing.

Captain Basco from Inter-Community stated the department has an appointment request in to Judge Rafferty to find out exactly what is required of them. Chairman Lipsey advised that the ESD cannot fund VFD's legal fees as the ESD is not directly involved in the Judgement.

8. The board discussed progress on PCESD #1 Policies and Procedures. The newly appointed board members have received a copy of the most recent draft and will review it over the next month. The board will revisit the topic at the February meeting.
9. The board discussed renewing PCESD #1/VFD service provider agreements. Chairman Lipsey discussed the need for a policy in place that addresses underage VFD members; what they can and cannot do. The service provider agreements are under review by the ESD attorney, will revisit the topic at the February meeting.
10. The board discussed paying each VFD's SFFMA dues annually as is required under the ESD/VFD agreements. The board addressed the benefits the membership gives the departments, and which departments currently carry memberships. It is unclear whether the ESD has its own membership and what benefit it has; Wiley will research and report back at February meeting.
11. Chairman Lipsey presented the bills for approval. On a motion by Yates, seconded by Harris, the board unanimously approved payment of the bills as presented.
12. CPA Drew Nixon presented the monthly financial statements. On a motion by Harris, seconded by Yates, the board unanimously approved the financial statements.
13. On a motion by Todd, with no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 P.M. The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 17, 2026, at 12:00 P.M., to be held at the Carthage Civic Center, 1702 S. Adams Street, Carthage, Texas.



Board Member

Dated 2/17/26