MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PALO PINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No.1
September 23, 2026

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF PALO PINTO

The Board of Commissioners ("Board") of the Palo Pinto County Emergency Services District No.1 ("ESD" and/or "District") met in a regular meeting open to the public on September 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the ESD administrative building located at 55 South FM 2353 Graford, Texas 76449, pursuant to a notice ("Notice") duly given in accordance with law. A true and correct copy of the Notice is attached to these Minutes.

General Matters

1. Call to order and establish quorum.

Commissioner Potter confirmed that each Commissioner comprising the ESD Board (i) had received notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting, and (ii) was present in person as follows:

Commissioner	Position	In Attendance
Brad Potter	President	Yes
Rodney Hall	Vice President	Yes
Mike Carter	Secretary	Yes
Casey McGlaun	Treasurer	Yes
Bridgett Worley	Assistant Treasurer	No

Commissioner Potter stated that a quorum of the Board existed and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Potter confirmed that each Commissioner had received the meeting materials in advance of the meeting and directed Commissioner Carter, as Secretary of the Board, to file a copy of those materials with the minutes of the meeting.

Amy Meyer, the District Public Relations Coordinator, and Michael Parsons with the District's law firm, The Carlton Law Firm P.L.L.C, were present at the meeting, along with representatives of several fire department service providers, representatives of Sacred Cross EMS, and other citizens.

2. Public comments and announcements.

   Numerous public comments were made at the close of the meeting. No formal action was taken by the Board on the public comments.

3. Discuss/consider/take action on minutes of previous ESD Board of Commissioners regular meeting held on August 13, 2026, and special called meeting held on September 16, 2026.

   Commissioner Potter directed the Board's attention to the meeting materials containing minutes for the regular meeting held on August 13, 2026, and the special called meeting held on September 16, 2026. Commissioner Carter directed the Board's attention to a change page for the August 13, 2026, meeting minutes. Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes as updated by the referenced change page, and the special called meeting minutes, each as presented. Commissioner McGlaun seconded the motion. A discussion on the matters occurred. At the conclusion of the discussions on the matters, the motion passed 4 ayes / 0 nays.

Routine Reports

4. Discuss/consider/take action on Treasurer's Report to include accounts payable, reconciliation of bank statements, financial statements, investment report(s), 2026 budget (Ad Valorem and Sales Tax) reconciliations, and 2026 budget (Ad Valorem and Sales Tax) amendments.

   Commissioner Potter directed the Board's attention to the meeting materials on the Treasurer's Report. He also directed the Board's attention to prior action by the Board at its September 16, 2026, special meeting approving accounts payable schedules. Commissioner Hall made a motion to (i) approve the accounts payable schedules, bank statement reconciliations, financial statements, investment report, 2026 budget (Ad Valorem and Sales Tax) reconciliations, and 2026 budget (Ad Valorem and Sales Tax) amendments, as presented, and (ii) ratify the Board's actions on September 16, 2026, approving accounts payable schedules. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion. A discussion occurred on the matters. At the conclusion of the discussions on the matters, the motion passed 4 ayes / 0 nays.

5. Discuss/consider/take action on Fire Chief Report to include a report on county fire calls, various situational awareness reports, and the following:
   a. Updates on various fire department service provider matters.
   b. Repayment Agreements with certain fire department service providers to the District for new water tender fire apparatus.

   No Fire Chief report was provided.

   With respect to sub-item a., a representative of the Possum Kingdom East Volunteer Fire Department discussed the movement of, and repairs to, apparatus Brush 17. No formal action was taken by the Board on the matters discussed.

   With respect to sub-item b., the Board considered a Repayment Agreement for Palo Pinto Volunteer Fire Department in conjunction with the Texas Forest Service ("TFS") 95% / 5% cost share grants awarded to the Possum Kingdom West, Possum Kingdom East, Palo Pinto, Strawn, and Graford Volunteer Fire Departments for the purchase of a water tender fire apparatus. Commissioner Hall made a motion to (i) approve the District entering into the

District's standard Repayment Agreement with the Palo Pinto Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of the Palo Pinto Volunteer Fire Department water tender, (ii) authorize and empower any Board member or the District Administrator to execute, on behalf of the District, the District's Repayment Agreement, (iii) authorize and empower, on behalf of the District, one or more of the District Chiefs and/or the District Administrator, in coordination with the Board President and/or Board Treasurer, to take any and all action deemed necessary to implement the approved and authorized Repayment Agreement with the Palo Pinto Volunteer Fire Department, and (iv) approve and authorize 2026 budget (Ad Valorem and Sales Tax) amendments as presented. Commissioner McGlaun seconded the motion. A discussion on the matters occurred. At the conclusion of the discussions on the matters, the motion passed 4 ayes / 0 nays.

6. Discuss/consider/take action on Sacred Cross EMS Report to include a report on county EMS calls and various situational awareness reports.

   The Sacred Cross representatives provided a report to the Board on the above matters for the month of August 2026. A discussion occurred on the matters. No formal action was taken by the Board on the matters discussed.

7. Discuss/consider/take action on any bids from Fire Departments for equipment purchased in excess of $50,000.00.

   No equipment purchases were submitted. No formal action was taken by the Board.

8. Discuss/consider/take action on any Fire Department financing obligations.

   No financing obligations were submitted. No formal action was taken by the Board.

New Business

9. Discuss/consider/take action on 2027-2028 agency agreements for fire department service providers.

   Commissioner Potter directed the Board's attention to the meeting materials containing a redline draft 2027-2028 agency agreement for the District's volunteer fire department service providers. He summarized various financial impacts to those service providers caused by the Ross Fire. Commissioner Potter then made a motion that the base funding of $35,000.00 shown in Section 6.02 A. of the redline draft be restored to $50,000.00. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. A discussion occurred on the matters. At the conclusion of the discussions on the matters, the motion passed 4 ayes / 0 nays.

10. Discuss/consider/take action to initiate an independent investigation of the whistleblower claim, including engaging an independent investigator.

    The Board convened into executive session at 6:12 p.m., pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, to consult with attorneys regarding Agenda Item number 10. The Board reconvened in open session at 6:56 p.m. Commissioner Potter announced that no action was taken in executive session.

    Commissioner Hall made a motion to authorize The Carlton Law Firm to hire and manage the

independent investigator of the whistleblower claim. Commissioner McGlaun seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 ayes / 0 nays.

Other Business

11. Set date for next meeting(s).

    Regular Meeting scheduled for October 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

12. Adjourn.

    At 7:08 p.m. Commissioner Potter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passed 4 ayes / 0 nays.

The above minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of the Palo Pinto County Emergency Services District No.1 held on September 23, 2026, were approved at the October 21, 2026, regular meeting of the ESD Board.

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Mike Carter, Secretary