

Hill Country Energy Sub-Regional Planning Commission

March 5, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

1. Approval of the January 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion Made by McCall

Seconded by Carpenter

Passed Unanimously 4-0

2. Board Member Comments

Holt- Mentioned Fire Marshal position was created by Kerr County and they are handling the necessary paperwork to hire.

Paces- Mentioned East-West Energy met with some court members (not sure who they met with). No ground was broken as of this time. Kerr County approve hiring Dr. Robert Steele as the professional reviewer for any BESS developments. Permit and fee schedule were adopted. Kerr County Commissioners Court are unanimously standing against BESS developments in Gillespie County.

Paces- Mentioned Daniel Jones from Gillespie County is resigning from our 391 Commission.

McCall- Mentioned recent training she went to made comments of working with BESS developments and she recommended to the group the idea of fighting back with fire code and possible steps a county can do to resist. January 27th, East Point Energy Interconnection status with ERCOT was pulled.

Carpenter- Mentioned adding developments to our current 391. This will provide another layer of protection for our Counties.

3. Local BESS Facilities Status and Action

Public Comment: David Nash from Harper, Texas/ Gillespie County.

States East/West BESS- 17 properties within 17 meters of the development.

The location along with the wind would send any Plume to neighboring properties to the North and West.

McCall made comments about the Fire Marshals ability to enforce ingress/egress.

4. Coordination with Relevant State Agencies and Other Government Officials

Paces made comments about equipment being used in some of the developments are not using approved components and some are from the list of countries not allowed to be used in the US.

Holt mentioned how do we track DATA centers coming to our area.

Public Comment: David Nash from Harper, Texas/ Gillespie County Submitted a resolution for legislative ideas for revision to Plank 47 (Energy Innovation) to include new language.

Vegetation

“Require minimum of 500 meters firebreak setback on Battery Energy Storage Systems and solar facilities.

Also: Plank 46 resolution to end subsidies for Battery Storage Developments.

5. Protecting Critical Infrastructure/Cybersecurity

Paces- mentioned companies are having a hard time signing an attestation about their equipment being approved to be used in the US.

Paces recommended setting up a call with ERCOT to discuss enforcing laws. Also mentioned our department of war has already stopped the use of products from China yet we are attempting to use them in our local areas.

Holt: Discussed the Vulnerability of the Power Grid. Transformers are a concern. Majority of them are made in China.

6. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Other Administrative Matters

Motion was made by Jennifer McCall to amend our Bylaws:

MOTION

to Amend the Bylaws as Amended by the Participating Counties as follows,

to Transmit These Proposed Amendments

**to Each of the Participating County Commissioners Courts with a
Recommendation for their Adoption**

and to Propose an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement as follows.

(Problem: In the Amended Bylaws, Gillespie County is not given the opportunity to appoint an agricultural or landowner representative.

Recommended Amendment:)

Replace paragraphs (d) and (e) of Section 4. Appointment of Board Members and Term of Office by the following and adjust numbering:

(d) Regarding the Agricultural or Landowner Representative Member of the Board

designated to be filled by a qualified individual from one of the participating Counties, that position shall be filled through appointment by the Commissioners Court of each participating County for one year on a rotating basis, beginning with Kerr County in 2025, Kendall County in 2026, Gillespie County the following year, and additionally-adhered Counties in turn. Should a vacancy in this office occur, it will be filled by the County Commissioners Court which had appointed the Agricultural or Landowner Representative in the year in which the vacancy occurs for the remainder of the one-year term.

(Problem: in the Interlocal Agreement, the number of Board members was not changed from 6 to 8, although this was amended in the Bylaws.

Recommended Amendment)

on page 8, Article 3, Paragraph 3.1, Section (D) (2) (a), replace “six (6)” with eight (8), as follows:

The Board shall be composed of ~~six (6)~~ eight (8) qualified individuals as described in the By-Laws of the Commission.

The three participating Counties are requested to expedite this amendment to the ILA, so that the HCESRPC may quickly install Kendall County’s Agricultural Landowner Representative.

Seconded by Rich Paces:

Unanimously approved.

Joyce Yannuzzi recommended we meet with Cybercommand since they are a state agency.

7. Public Comments and Discussion

Audrey Boerner asked why we have to have an ILA.

8. Set Next Meeting Date, Location and Agenda

April 9, 2026 in Kendall County @1:00pm.

Adjournment

@2:36pm

These minutes were approved by the HCESRPC Board on April 9, 2026.