



Hill Country Energy Sub-Regional Planning Commission July 7, 2026 Board Meeting Draft Minutes

A meeting of the Hill Country Energy Sub-Regional Planning Commission (HCESRPC) took place in the Kendall County Courthouse on July 7, 2026 at 1:00 PM

The following members of the Board were in attendance:

Rich Paces, Kerr County Commissioner, Precinct 2
Jeff Holt, Kerr County Commissioner, Precinct 3, via TEAMS
Jennifer McCall, Kendall County Commissioner, Precinct 1
Chad Carpenter, Kendall County Commissioner, Precinct 4
Pam Miller, Agricultural/Landowner Representative
Wes Virdell, State Representative, District 53

The following members of the Board were absent:

Keith Kramer, Gillespie County Commissioner, Precinct 2
Charles Olfers, Gillespie County Commissioner, Precinct 1

Guests Present:

Sierra Hall from Representatives Troxclair's office.
Oscar Contreras from Senator Donna Campbell's office via TEAMS.

These Minutes are a rendering of discussions at the Board's regular meeting and all actions taken.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. Pam Miller offered a prayer, followed by the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags. The Commission then considered, discussed and took action as described below for each item on the posted meeting agenda.

1. Approval of the May 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Pam Miller and seconded by Commissioner McCall to approve the Draft Minutes of the HCESRPC Regular Board Meeting held on May 9, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously, and the Minutes were approved without amendment.

2. Local BESS Facilities Status and Action:

Commissioner Carpenter had nothing to report. Commissioner McCall mentioned Key Capture is still listed on ERCOTs site.

Commissioner Paces mentioned a possible BESS development in Mountain Home. The developer, EsVolta, also known as East West Energy, has purchased 17 acres adjacent to an LCRA substation in Kerr County off of I-10 at FM 479. They have met with all of the Kerr County Commissioners' Court members except for Commissioner Paces who refused to meet one on one. Kerr County sent out an RFQ for a Fire-Marshall and already has an approved

permit and fee schedule as well as a contract with Dr. Robert Steel for technical support. On June 24th, Commissioner Paces went to a meeting in Mountain Home and gave a presentation on BESS. Go to: _____ for a copy of his presentation.

3. Coordination with Relevant State Agencies and Other Government Officials:

Commissioner Paces submitted comments on behalf of HCESRPC to the PUCT with the assistance of various volunteers including Cheryl Grosso, David Nash, Jennifer McCall, and Linda Bullard.

On June 25th Commissioner Paces went to Austin and attended a PUCT public hearing where he testified along with 12 other people who spoke in opposition to BESS and to the proposed draft PUCT regulations at the meeting. Go to Public Utility Commission to see the video or our website _____