

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
April 20, 2023**

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Louie Brown gave the invocation.

Pledge by all in attendance to the American Flag lead by Charles Froebe.

Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website on April 12, 2023, and at the Lindale Volunteer fire Department on April 12, 2023. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Louie Brown, Owen Scott, Kenneth Smith and Charles Froebe. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk, was present.

Charles Froebe made a motion to approve the Agenda with the understanding that the items may be acted upon in any order. Motion was seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2023, Board of Commissioners, were presented for approval. Kenneth Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

There were no citizens to talk during Citizen Talk Time.

Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, presented the monthly activities report for March 2023. The Department ran fewer calls in March than they had expected. They had a pre-construction meeting on the brush truck and some changes were made. The Department may get truck sooner than anticipated. A feasibility study will be done on the property for the new fire station.

Charles Froebe, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 100,978.30. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the bills and pay the fire department the requested amount. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Joe Yeakley presented the Board with a letter requesting disposition of a 1997 Dodge vehicle. He stated the Department has bought a replacement truck, and this truck is no longer used by the Department. Owen Scott made a motion for a Resolution to approve the disposition by the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department of a 1997 Dodge 3500, four-wheel vehicle, VIN# 1B6MF36D3VJ546034, either to trade in on another vehicle or sell it. Membership will vote on the disposition of the truck at a later date. The disposition will be in accordance with the District's Policy on Disposition of Property Resolution # 18-2015 dated September 17, 2015. Motion seconded Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin discussed the Sales And Use Tax election of May 06, 2023. She stated that the Tyler Morning News ran a notice of the election in their paper as required by law in the Weekend

Edition of April 15-16, 2023. All the information about the election was printed including polling places and dates. Annie Baldwin and Kenneth Smith discussed the fact that they had discovered that sales tax on their accounts of GPS, L.P. had been charged to their garbage pickup accounts. Ken Campbell, Attorney, had been alerted. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Smith both contacted the State of Texas Controller's office and they have contacted GPS, L.P. and the problem should get corrected. No action to be taken.

Annie Baldwin discussed the necessity of canvassing the votes for the May 06, 2023, Sales And Use Tax Election. Charles Froebe made a motion for a called meeting on May 16th at 10:00 a.m. at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Station to canvas votes for the May 06, 2023, Sales And Use Tax election. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin explained the Tax Abatement Policy and the need to renew it every two years. She stated the policy is adopted by all the taxing entities in Smith County. A motion was made by Owen Scott for a Resolution to adopt the Tax Abatement Policy for the next two years to be effective May 20, 2023, through May 19, 2025. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

Charles Froebe presented the following bills for payment: Anderson Jury & Brenner, L.L.P. \$ 1 ,975.00 for Sales And Use Tax; Patrick Law Offices, \$ 200.00 for Legal Fees. Louie Brown made a motion to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Charles Froebe presented the Treasurer's Report for March 2023. Owen Scott made a motion to approve the report. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Charles Froebe made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

KENNETH SMITH, SECRETARY