

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
May 18, 2023**

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Kenneth Smith gave the invocation.

Pledge by all in attendance to the American Flag lead by Owen Scott.

Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website on May 10, 2023, and at the Lindale Volunteer fire Department on May 10, 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 Special Meeting of May 16, 2023, and the Regular Meeting of April 20, 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.

During Citizen Talk Time, David Cerquad spoke about his interest in wanting to know about the Sales And Use Tax and if the property taxes would be lowered because of the passage of the tax. He stated that his Smith County ESD #1 taxes had increase 200% in the last ten years.

Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, presented the monthly activities report for April 2023. He stated there were 137 calls during April. The Department Chiefs are interviewing three young men to go through orientation. The Department is back to about forty firefighters, better than a year ago. Shawn Gilen, Architect, is finalizing paperwork concerning the improvements of the main fire station. The Chief tomorrow will pick up a map to do mileage calculations for station four.

Charles Froebe, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 45,620.39. 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.

Annie Baldwin led a discussion concerning Preliminary Property Value Analysis for 2023 from information from the Smith County Appraisal District. No action necessary to be taken.

Annie Baldwin lead a discussion concerning the planning calendar for tax year 2023 and the dates necessary to adopt the District's budget and set a tax rate No action to be taken by the Board.

A discussion was held concerning Sales And Use Tax. Joe Yeakley said he has emailed a map of

the District to Ken Campbell, Attorney. Annie Baldwin said she had discussed method of payment of the Sales And Use Tax with Carolyn Caldwell, City Manager. Mrs. Caldwell stated the payments are deposited into bank account once a month by the Texas Comptroller's Office. The Board will wait further instructions from Ken Campbell.

Charles Froebe presented the following bills for payment: Anderson Jury & Brenner, L.L.P. \$ 725.00 for Sales And Use Tax: Smith County \$ 7,480.69. 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 April 2023. Owen Scott made a motion to approve the report. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

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

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

KENNETH SMITH, SECRETARY