

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
AUGUST 17, 2023**

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Charles Froebe gave the invocation.

Pledge by all in attendance to the American Flag lead by Kenneth Smith.

Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website August 09, 2023, and the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on August 09, 2023. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Charles Froebe, Louie Brown, Owen Scott and Kenneth Smith. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk was present.

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

A motion was made by Kenneth Smith to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 20, 2023 and Called Meeting August 03, 2023, Board of Commissioners. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

There were no citizens to talk at Citizen Talk Time.

Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, presented the proposed budget for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The budget requested \$ 1,214,775 funds be made available to the Department.

A motion was made by Louie Brown to approve the \$ 1,214,775 amount requested by the Department under the terms of the contract with the District for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin explained that the Board will need to approve Form 1295, Certificate of Interested Parties prepared by the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. A motion was made by Louie Brown to approve the document. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin explained to the Board the amount of the District funds needed for the Board for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 was \$ 870,381. A motion was made by Owen Scott to approve the \$ 870,381 needed by the Board from District funds Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

At 4:45 Carolyn Todd began a public hearing on the budget for the District for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. There were no visitors to comment on the proposed budget.

A motion was made by Charles Froebe to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried. Carolyn Todd closed the public hearing at 4:46 p.m.

Annie Baldwin discussed the budget for the District. She stated the projected Beginning Balance is \$ 1,345,246, projected Total Revenues is \$ 2,101,335, projected Total Expenditures is \$ 2,085,156 and Projected Ending Balance is \$ 1,361,425. A motion was made by Owen Scott for a Resolution to approve the budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 which includes funds to be paid to the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department under the terms of the contract. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. Voting in favor of the budget were: Carolyn Todd, Owen Scott, Charles Froebe, Kenneth Smith and Louie Brown.

At 4:48 p.m. Carolyn Todd began a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for the District for the tax year 2023. There were no visitors to comment on the proposed tax rate.

A motion was made by Charles Froebe to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried. Carolyn Todd closed the public hearing at 4:49 p.m.

Annie Baldwin explained the proposed tax rate of .071364 is more than the no new revenue tax rate. All necessary and legal steps have been taken by the District to adopt a tax rate. Louie Brown made a motion for a Resolution “that the property tax rate for the Smith County Emergency Services District No. 1 be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.071364 per \$ 100 valuation for tax year 2023. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 3.9% by which the tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate of \$.068659 and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$ 100,000 home by approximately \$ 2.70. A tax rate of \$.00 be adopted for the payment of principal and interest on bonded debt of the District.” Motion seconded by Owen Scott. Voting in favor of the adoption of the tax rate were: Carolyn Todd, Owen Scott, Charles Froebe, Kenneth Smith and Louie Brown.

Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, presented the monthly activities report for July. The Chief stated that the Department would consider at a future date ordering one or two new fire trucks. It is taking two to three years to get them built. The Department would not make a down payment on a truck in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

Charles Froebe, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for district fund was \$ 54,227.39. A motion was made by Louie Brown to approve the bills and pay the fire department the requested amount. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Louie Brown discussed the 2023 Annual Report to the City of Lindale Reinvestment Zone #3. Not action to be taken. There was nothing to report on the Sales And Use Tax.

Charles Froebe presented a bill from Annie C. Baldwin. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the bill and pay Annie C. Baldwin. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motions carried.

Charles Froebe presented the Treasurer's Report for July. A motion was made by Owen Scott to approve the report. Motion seconded by Kenneth Smith. All in favor and motion carried.

A motion was made by Louie Brown to adjourn. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

KENNETH SMITH, SECRETARY