

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
OCTOBER 19, 2023**

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Owen Scott 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 October 12, 2023, and at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on October 12, 2023. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Owen Scott, Louie Brown, Charles Froebe and Kenneth Smith. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk, was present.

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

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 21, 2023, Board of Commissioners, were presented for approval. Kenneth Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Jay Brooks addressed the Board in Citizen Talk Time discussing his concerns about staffing at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The Board did not enter into discussion.

Jordan Hicks, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented the monthly activities report for September. He stated that the Department had a presence at the County Fest on October 14, 2023. Five applications for firefighters were turned into the Department. A hiring process is going on now and four of the applications looked promising.

Charles Froebe, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 74,486.19. Owen Scott made a motion to approve the bills and pay the fire department the requested amount. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Jordan Hicks presented two letters from the Department requesting approval of the purchase by the Department of two new fire engines: a new Pierce, Commercial International Chassis fire truck and a new Pierce Custom Enforcer fire truck. He explained the need to order the trucks now but it will be 2-4 years before both the trucks will be built and delivered to them. One of the reasons the trucks need to be ordered now is because of changes in the emissions standards which will be enforced soon.

Charles Froebe made a motion for a Resolution to approve the purchase by the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department of a new Pierce, Commercial International Chassis fire truck. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Charles Froebe made a motion for a Resolution to approve the purchase by the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department of a new Pierce Custom Enforcer fire truck. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin discussed Smith County Tax Abatement Committee Annual Review. She stated that Sanderson Farms was compliant with the tax abatement agreement and was approved 80% abatement for 2022. Owen Scott made a motion to approve the report as presented. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning the Sales And Use tax. Annie Baldwin discussed some reports the Board will getting from the Texas Comptroller's office. One is the Paid Up Tax Payers List (quarterly), the Delinquent Taxpayers List (quarterly) and the Confidentiality Reports (monthly). As time goes on other reports will be presented to us. Owen Scott made a motion for a Resolution to appoint Kenneth Smith to receive Paid Up Taxpayers List (quarterly) and Delinquent Taxpayers List (quarterly) and appoint Annie Baldwin to receive Confidentiality Reports (monthly). This information can be shared with the Board and Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Charles Froebe presented the following bills for payment: UT Health East Texas-EMS for the amount of \$ 9,437 (annual radio tower maintenance); TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool for the amount of \$ 28,417.06 (insurance) and SAFE-D \$ 1,100 for membership dues. 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 September 2023. Owen Scott made a motion to approve the report. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

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

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

KENNETH SMITH, SECRETARY