

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER NO. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
JANUARY 18, 2024**

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 January 12, 2024, and at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on January 12, 2024. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Louie Brown, Charles Froebe, Owen Scott and Kenneth Smith. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk, was present.

A motion was made by Owen Scott for a Resolution to elect the following officers: President, Carolyn Todd; Vice-President, Louie Brown; Secretary, Kenneth Smith; Treasurer, Charles Froebe; and Assistant Treasurer, Owen Scott. All officers will be authorized to sign on any financial accounts. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk, will be authorized to inquire on any financial accounts. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Charles Froebe made a motion 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.

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

There were no citizens to talk during Citizen Talk Time.

Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented the monthly activities report for December. He stated there were 136 calls. During the latest winter storm, calls started coming in at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. The calls for assistance went on from Sunday afternoon until Monday. There will be an increase in payroll as several firefighters were on duty to answer these calls. The Department of Labor has not completed its report.

Charles Froebe, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 56, 815.35. Kenneth Smith 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.

Annie Baldwin discussed the Workers' Compensation Audit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. She stated the District will owe TML an additional \$ 5,762. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the Workers' Compensation Audit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

Since a contract from Quality Constructions Services, Inc., has not been completed, Carolyn Todd tabled this item.

Louie Brown discussed Lindale Rural Water Corporation's leasing land to the Board for fire station #4. He presented letters in which Cobank and the USDA have indicated they are willing to release the liens on this property. No action to be taken at this time by the Board.

Annie Baldwin discussed the Sales and Use Tax Allocation Summary for November 2023 from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts office. Gross collections were \$ 132,757.33 minus State fees which left a total of \$ 129,844.15 to be deposited into the Board's bank account. No action to be taken by the Board.

Charles Froebe presented the following bills for payment: Patrick Law Offices, \$ 1,300 for Legal; Texas Municipal League, \$ 5,762 for Workman's Compensation; CNA Surety, \$ 205 for Bond. Kenneth Smith 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 December 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