

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER NO. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
MARCH 21, 2024**

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 March 14, 2024, and at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on March 14, 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.

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 February 15, 2024, 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 February. He stated there were 121 calls during the month of February. The Department is interviewing applicants now and hopefully new firefighters will be hired. The Chief discussed the FSLA audit now being conducted and back pay for two years might be owed to firefighters for on call pay and a fine might be imposed. Mr. Yeakley gave a presentation concerning property to be leased from the Lindale Rural Water Supply Corporation

Charles Froebe, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 61,768.20. 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.

Louie Brown discussed terms and definitions of the Lease and Access Easement Agreement with the Lindale Rural Water Supply Corporation. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Charles Froebe for a Resolution to approve the Lease and Access Easement agreement with the Lindale Rural Water Supply Corporation. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. Louie Brown abstained from voting; other board members: Carolyn Todd, Owen Scot, Kenneth Smith and Charles Froebe voted in favor and motion carried.

Joe Yeakley and Louie Brown discussed training they attended presented by SAFE-D at their annual conference in Irving, Texas, on February 22, 23, and 24, 2024. Some of the sessions they attended were: ESD 101, Sales And Use Tax, Roberts Rule of Order, and talked to a banking firm.

SAFE-D is dividing the ESDS in the state into eight regions. No action to be taken by the Board.

Annie Baldwin discussed the Sales and Use Tax Allocation Summary for March 2024 from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts office. Gross collections were \$ 130,579.47 minus State fees which left a total of \$ 128,969.26 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: Louie Brown, \$ 147.44 for food and parking for training; Glen Patrick, Attorney, \$ 250.00 for legal fees. 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 February 2024. Owen Scott made a motion to approve the report. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

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

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

KENNETH SMITH, SECRETARY