

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
AUGUST 15, 2024**

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Carolyn Todd gave the invocation.

Pledge by all in attendance to the American Flag lead by Louie Brown.

Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website on August 08, 2024, and the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on August 12, 2024. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Owen Scott, Louie Brown, Charles Froebe 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 the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2024, 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.

Glen Patrick, Attorney, explained the state approved different methods the Board could use to build new fire station. They are: competitive sealed proposal method, construction manager-agent method, construction manager-at-risk method and design-build method. Owen Scott made a motion for a Resolution for the Board to determine that the construction manager-agent method will provide the best value for the District in awarding construction contracts for construction of the new fire station. Motioned seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin explained anticipated tax collection rate for 2024 and certification of excess debt collections from information from the Smith County Tax Assessor-Collector. She stated that the Tax Assessor-Collector anticipated tax collection is estimated at 99.91%. Excess debt collections are -0-. No action to be taken.

Annie Baldwin explained certification of 2024 Appraisal Roll and actual taxable amount from information received from the Smith County Appraisal District. She stated that the certified property values for the District were \$ 3,000,574,582, minus tax increment finance \$ 46,099,960 equals \$ 2,954,474,622 taxable amount. No action to be taken.

Annie Baldwin explained that the 2024 No-New-Revenue Tax Rate is \$.068240 and Voter-Approved Tax Rate is \$.070949. No action to be taken.

Carolyn Todd stated that the Board would discuss item #15 next. Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented the proposed fire department budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The budget requested \$ 2,793,350. The Chief gave monthly activities report for

July. He stated the Department ran 150 calls.

Annie Baldwin presented the proposed ESD No. 1 budget which will have beginning balance of \$ 3,386,890, revenues of \$ 3,450,326 and expenditures of \$ 6,018,657 leaving an ending balance of \$ 818,559. Charles Froebe made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. Voting for the proposed budget were Carolyn Todd, Owen Scott, Charles Froebe, Louie Brown and Kenneth Smith. Motion carried

Annie Baldwin explained to the Board that if the Board sets a tax rate of \$.068240 at 100% collection rate, the yield would be \$ 2,016,133. At 95% collection rate the yield would be \$ 1,915,326 for budget. If the Board sets a tax rate of .070949 at 100% collection rate, the yield would be \$ 2,096,170. At 95 % collection rate the collection rate the yield would be \$ 1,991,362 for budget. Louie Brown made a motion to propose a tax rate of \$.068240. Motion seconded by Kenneth Smith. After a discussion, a recorded vote was taken. Voting in favor of the proposed tax rate of \$.068240 were Carolyn Todd, Owen Scott, Charles Froebe, Louie Brown and Kenneth Smith. Motion carried.

Annie Baldwin explained to the Board that a public hearing date would need to be set to discuss the proposed tax budget and proposed tax rate. Owen Scott made a motion to set the date of August 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, 208 E. Hubbard St., Lindale, Texas. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin explained the one notice to be published in the newspaper was “Notice of Meeting to Vote on Tax Rate” and posted on the Board Website. Carolyn Todd authorized Annie Baldwin to put the notice in the newspaper and post it on the Board Website.

Charles Froebe, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 61,675.51. Owen Scott made a motion to approve the bills and pay the fire department the requested amount. Motion seconded by Kenneth Smith. All in favor and motion carried.

Kenneth Smith, Board Secretary, explained the Appraiser’s documentations concerning the fair market value of the property and the fair market value of the access easement to be purchased from the Lindale Rural Water Supply Corporation. The Appraiser appraised the property at \$ 48,000. Charles Froebe made a motion for a Resolution to approve appraiser’s documentations concerning the fair market value of the property and the fair market value of the access easement to be purchased from the Lindale Rural Water Supply Corporation. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried

Louie Brown discussed the Board’s desire to purchase property from the Lindale Rural Water Supply Corporation and outlined the steps that had been taken. Charles Froebe made a motion to amend Resolution Number 16-2024 dated July 18, 2024, and to approve General Warranty Deed and Right of First Refusal to be part of that amendment. Motion seconded by Kenneth Smith. Voting for the amendment were Carolyn Todd, Kenneth Smith, Charles Froebe and Owen Scott. Louie Brown abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Carolyn Todd explained the amended Board Meeting Procedures pointing out how citizens can request to speak on an agenda item. Owen Scott made a motion for a Resolution to approve amended Board Meeting Procedures. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion

carried.

Charles Froebe presented a bill from Randy Shelton Real Estate Services for appraising property at 20251 County Road 482, Lindale, Texas 75771 in the amount of \$ 850. Kenneth Smith made a motion to approve the bill as presented. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. Motion carried.

Charles Froebe presented the Treasurer's Report for July 2024. Owen Scott made a motion to approve the report. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

There were no citizens to talk during Citizen Talk Time.

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

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

KENNETH SMITH, SECRETARY