

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 19, 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 Kenneth Smith.

Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website on September 13, 2024, and at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on September 16, 2024. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Owen Scott, Louie Brown and Kenneth Smith. Board Member Charles Froebe was absent. 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 Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

The minutes of the Called Meeting of August 29, 2024, Board of Commissioners, were presented for approval. Kenneth Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented the monthly activities report for August. There were 140 calls for the month of August which was an average month. The Department plans to start 24 hours staffing at station 2 on September 30, 2024. The Chief discussed the Department's changing to new software which will benefit the Department. Smith County is updating the dispatch system which will bring dispatch up to date. Mr. Yeakley stated that he, and representatives from Smith County ESD #2 and the City of Whitehouse are meeting monthly concerning these changes and they have asked Smith County 911 District to help with the expenses involved. They have agreed to pay \$ 24,316 for the Smith County ESD #1 part of this. Mr. Yeakley stated that the new brush truck is now in service after some warranty work was done. He discussed the danger of lithium batteries blowing up and can cause cancer if firefighters are exposed to it.

Owen Scott, Assistant Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 260,301.84. Louie Brown 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.

Annie Baldwin discussed the need to amend District budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and explained the changes. Louie Brown made a motion for a Resolution to amend the District budget for fiscal Year 2023-2024 as presented. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin explained to the Board that the Board's Investment Policy for the District had to be approved each year. Owen made a motion to continue the policy that was approved in 2004 as

presented. Motion seconded by Kenneth Smith. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin explained Notice of Election for General Election of November 05, 2024 which listed all the voting centers would be in Smith County for early voting and election day. A motion was made by Louie Brown for a Resolution to approve the Notice of Election as presented. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin discussed naming an individual to the Lindale Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone #3 for a two year term beginning October 30, 2024, and ending October 29, 2026. Owen Scott made a motion for a Resolution to name Louie Brown to represent District on the City of Lindale Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone #3 for a two year term beginning October 30, 2024 and ending October 29, 2026. Motion seconded by Kenneth Smith. All in favor and motion carried.

Carolyn Todd tabled the item concerning naming a new newspaper for the District.

Owen Scott presented the following bills for payment: Glen Patrick, Attorney \$ 12,072.50 for Legal; Gregory A. Fraser, P. C., \$ 930.00 for Legal; Annie Baldwin in the amount of \$ 1,736.14 (Office Supplies \$ 339.64, Training \$ 210.00, Miscellaneous \$ 1,186.50). Kenneth Smith made a motion to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried. Please note: The check to Gregory A. Fraser, P. C. was voided and a check was made to Lindale Rural Water Supply Corporation for reimbursement for their payment to Mr. Fraser for \$ 930.00.

Owen Scott presented the Treasurer's Report for August 2024. Kenneth Smith 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