

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
OCTOBER 17, 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 Charles Froebe.

Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website on October 11, 2024, and the Lindale Volunteer fire Department on October 14, 2024. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Louie Brown, Owen Scott, 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 was seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 19, 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.

Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented the monthly activities report for September. There were a total of 138 calls for the month. Twenty-four hour staffing began on September 30, 2024. New brush truck will be put into service shortly. The Department has been working on the CAD system and in January 01, 2025, will be the turn over date and dispatch will be moved to Smith County. The Chief and Jordan Hicks are taking online classes for new reporting system. Coding will be different and will also take place in January 2025.

Charles Froebe, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 131,325.44. 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.

Annie Baldwin discussed Smith County Tax Abatement Committee Annual Review. She stated that Sanderson Farm was compliant with the tax abatement agreement and was approved for 75% abatement for 2024. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the Smith County Tax Abatement Committee Annual Review as presented. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

Joe Yeakley explained that the Department applied for a grant from the Smith County 911 District and has been approved for \$ 24,316.07. Charles Froebe made a motion to accept \$ 24,316.07 from the Smith County 911 District to be applied to the upgrade of the Smith County CAD system. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin explained correspondence from Gary Barber, Smith County Tax Assessor-Collector which gave the amount of the 2024 Tax Roll for Smith County Emergency Services District No. 1. Louie Brown made a motion for a Resolution to approve the 2024 tax rolls. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Carolyn Todd tabled item #12 concerning rescinding Resolution No. 17-2024 concerning discussion of manager-agent method.

Carolyn Todd tabled item #13 concerning discussion of design-build method.

No action was taken concerning citizen talk time as the individual who had requested it was not present.

Charles Froebe presented the following bills for payment: TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool in the amount of \$ 57,640.66 for insurance; UT Health East Texas EMS in the amount of \$ 9,437 for tower maintenance. Kenneth Smith made a motion to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Charles Froebe presented the Treasurer's Report for September 2024. 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