

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

Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website on November 14, 2024, and at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on November 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.

Owen Scott 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 Called Meeting of November 18, 2024, and the Regular Meeting of October 17, 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 October. He stated there were 182 calls for the month. The Chief said that Insurance Service Office would do a combined county audit in the next quarter. However, each entity would be audited individually. If the pending County wide system upgrades are in place and the Automatic Vehicle Locator is working, the fire department would get credit for these improvements in the audit.

Charles Froebe, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 230,371.68. 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 explained to the Board that SAFE-D was having their 2025 annual training to be held on February 6-8, 2025, in Round Rock, Texas. Early registration will be on February 05, 2025. After a discussion, a motion was made by Owen Scott for a Resolution to approve paying costs for the training for Cory Crowell, February 05 and 06 and 07, 2025; Carolyn Todd, Annie Baldwin and Louie Brown February 05, 06, 07 and 08, 2025. Motion was seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

A motion was made by Louie Brown for a Resolution to change the regular board meeting times from 6:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. Louie Brown stated he would like to see time set at 4:00 p.m. as well as Owen Scott and Charles Froebe. Jay Brooks expressed concerns that people who work could make the 6:00 p. m. meetings and not the 4:00 p. m. meetings. He stated the Board worked for the people. Cory Crowell asked that the time stay at

6:00 p .m. for the same reason stated by Mr. Brooks. Voting for the change to 4:00 p.m. were Louie Brown and Owen Scott. Kenneth Smith and Charles Froebe abstained from voting. Carolyn Todd voted against the change. The motion carried.

Since the Board has not received the audit for workman's compensation, Carolyn Todd tabled this item.

Kenneth Smith presented the 2024 Annual Report of the City of Lindale Reinvestment Zone #2 pertaining to the Tax Increment Financing. No action necessary to be taken by the Board.

Louie Brown presented the 2024 Annual Report of the City of Lindale Reinvestment Zone #3 pertaining to Tax Increment Financing. No action necessary to be taken by the Board.

Carolyn Todd told the Board that the Landmark Title Company was still trying to find heirs of the Calip family who had not signed off on the selling of their property to Lindale Rural Water Supply. Therefore, no title could be obtained for the Board to purchase the property from Lindale Rural Water Supply. Mrs. Todd stated that she was looking for property to buy in the same vicinity as the Lindale Rural Water Supply

Annie Baldwin discussed the 2025-2026 Smith County Appraisal District's Reappraisal. No action to be taken by the Board.

Charles Froebe presented the following bills for payment: SAFE-D in the amount of \$ 2,500 for membership training fees and U. S. Postal Service for \$ 110 for 12 months' post office rent. Mr. Froebe stated one bill received was lacking an invoice for actual services and should not be paid at this time pending an invoice from the company for the actual services. Louie Brown made a motion to approve payment of the other bills. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

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

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

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

KENNETH SMITH, SECRETARY