

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER NO. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
DECEMBER 19, 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 December 12, 2024, and at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on December 16, 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.

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 Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 21, 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 November. There were 166 calls. The Department will exceed 2,000 calls for the calendar year. The Chief stated that the fire department is continuing working on staffing.

Charles Froebe, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 139,066.85. 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.

Cory Crowell addressed the Board and asked where the money was coming from to buy two new Chevrolet Tahoes. Joe Yeakley explained that the trucks would be paid for out of the Department's capital expenditure account. He stated the trucks will be used for response to first responder calls. Chief Yeakley explained that the district is a large, rural district and the use of the two trucks makes sense. Lauren Simmons addressed the Board stating as a citizen of the district, a tax payer and a business owner he would encourage the board to approve the purchase of the two vehicles. Owen Scott stated he had looked over the equipment that would be on the trucks and felt the trucks would be well worth the purchase price. Owen Scott made a motion for a Resolution to approve the purchase by the Lindale Fire Department two Chevrolet Tahoes first responder vehicles. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

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

Annie Baldwin explained that assignments of board members' attendance at Lindale Volunteer

Fire Department's monthly meetings for calendar year 2025 would need to be approved. Owen Scott made a motion to approve the following member's attendance at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department's monthly meetings for the calendar year 2025: January, Charles Froebe; February, Cory Crowell; March, Louie Brown; April, Owen Scott; May, Carolyn Todd; June, Charles Froebe; July, Cory Crowell; August, Louie Brown; September, Owen Scott; October, Carolyn Todd; November, Charles Froebe; December, Cory Crowell. Motion was seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin discussed required training hours for board members. She stated that all board members are in compliance with state law concerning this. No action to be taken.

Charles Froebe presented the following bills for payment: Patrick Law Offices in the amount of \$ 1,512.50 for legal fees; Gary Barber, Smith County Tax Assessor-Collector in the amount of \$ 13,509.00 for tax collections; Smith County in the amount of \$ 10,859.55 for election; National Trim in the amount of \$ 200.00 for miscellaneous (truck decals) and Quality Construction Services, in the amount of \$ 40,000 for fire station construction. Louie Brown 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 November 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