

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER NO. 1  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS  
JANUARY 16, 2025**

**Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.**

**Smith County Judge Neal Franklin 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 January 09, 2025, and at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on January 12, 2025. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Louie Brown, Cory Crowell, Charles Froebe and Owen Scott. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk, was present.**

**Annie Baldwin, Notary, administered the Statement of Elected/Appointed Officer and Oath of office to Cory Crowell and Charles Froebe.**

**A motion was made by Owen Scott for a Resolution to elect the following officers: President, Carolyn Todd; Vice-President, Louie Brown; Secretary Charles Froebe; Treasurer, Owen Scott, and Assistant Treasurer, Cory Crowell. All officers will be authorized to sign on any financial accounts and authorized to inquire on any financial accounts. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk, will be authorized to inquire on any financial accounts. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.**

**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 December 19, 2024, Board of Commissioners, were presented for approval. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.**

**Jay Brooks spoke to the board stating he appreciated the fire department and did not want to destroy it as some people in the District were saying. He did have concerns of the fire department's contract with Hideaway. Mr. Brooks did not feel that the people in Hideaway were taxpayers. He felt that the central station should have priority over station #2 when it came to staffing the stations. He would like to see full time staffing at both stations. Mr. Brooks stated he had questions about the way some firefighters were being paid. He did not think they should be paid extra if they are working shift and got called out for a call. He also stated they did not pay Sales And Use Tax.**

**Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, stated he also had concerns with these same issues. He stated the Department had been through an audit and changes were to be made about the way the firefighters were being paid. Also the Department might need to change some other plans. He hoped the changes could be made by the end of this calendar quarter.**

**The Chief stated that the Department had conducted eleven interviews this week and had good prospects for additional firefighters. Mr. Yeakley presented the monthly activities report for December. There were 179 calls with medical calls still being the highest number of calls. The year 2024 set a record for the number of calls made by the Department which totaled 2037.**

**Louie Brown stated he believed the people in Hideaway were paying their fair share based on our annual tax rate and felt like they were taxpayers also because of this. He said they did not pay Sales And Use Tax but neither did the people who live in Lindale city limits.**

**Charles Froebe, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 137,636.54. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the bills and pay the fire department the requested amount. Motion seconded by Cory Crowell. All in favor and motion carried.**

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

**Charles Froebe presented the following bill for payment: Smith County Appraisal; District in the amount of \$ 29,170 Assessment for Services (Tax Collection). Owen Scott made a motion to approve payment of the bill as presented. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.**

**Charles Froebe presented the Treasurer's Report for December 2024. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the report. Motion seconded by Cory Crowell. All in favor and motion carried.**

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

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**CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT**

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**CHARLES FROEBE, SECRETARY**