

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER NO. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
FEBRUARY 20, 2025**

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Carolyn Todd gave the invocation.

Pledge by all in attendance to the American Flag lead by Cory Crowell.

Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website on February 13, 2025, and at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on February 15, 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.

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 January 16, 2025, Board of Commissioners, were presented for approval. Charles Froebe made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Jerme Larue, Assistant Fire Chief, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented monthly activities report for January. There were 174 calls. He discussed the response time being an average of 8 minutes and 43 seconds getting to the site of the fires in district and 14 minutes out of district. Chief Larue stated a virtual Teams meeting with Smith County IT department and the fire department was held and Smith County explained what the fire department had to do to get connected to Smith County CAD. He stated that in a couple of months all apparatuses will have computers. He said that the fire engines ordered would be here in fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027. The costs of the fire engine are \$ 724,046 and \$ 1,024,465 respectively. The Department has contracted with Christy Ratliff to process all bill paying for them beginning on March 01, 2025.

Owen Scott, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 89,615.32. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the bills and pay the fire department the requested amount. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk, presented the annual audit ending September 30, 2024. Mrs. Baldwin explained that because of Sales And Use Tax Collections, our audits would reflect the two months the Comptroller owes us for August and September each year so our ending balances of the audit will never be the same as our bank balances. The auditors did not find any areas of concern, and they had no recommendations to make. Cory Crowell made a motion for a Resolution to approve the Audit for the District for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2024. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin discussed the Workers' Compensation Audit for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. She stated the District will owe TML an additional \$ 8,211. Louie Brown made a motion for Resolution to approve the Workers' Compensation Audit for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

Carolyn Todd discussed the update for Fire Station #4. She stated that Gregory Fraser, Attorney, for the Lindale Rural Water Supply, is in the legal process of finding heirs of the Calip family so the Lindale Rural Water Supply could obtain a clear title to the land. Mr. Fraser hopes to have this process completed by mid-March. No action to be taken.

Cory Crowell presented literature concerning the District's possibly purchasing iPads to be used by Board Members and the Volunteer Clerk. He explained the advantages of using the iPads and possible costs associated with them. After a short discussion, Carolyn Todd tabled the matter until such time as a demonstration could be arranged so that Board Members could observe how the software works on the iPads

Owen Scott presented the following bills for payment: Texas Municipal League in the amount of \$ 8,211 for Workers' Compensation; Annie C. Baldwin for \$ 1,404.34 (Office \$ 150.70, Miscellaneous \$ 20.35, Training \$ 1,233.29); Carolyn Todd, \$ 903.10 for Training; Louie Brown \$ 75.75 for Training; Cory Crowell \$ 418.30 for Training; Wilf & Henderson, P. C. for Audit. Charles Froebe made a motion to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Owen Scott presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2025. Charles Froebe 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.

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

CHARLES FROEBE, SECRETARY