

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
AUGUST 18, 2022**

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Louie Brown gave the invocation.

Pledge by all in attendance to the American Flag lead by Owen Scott.

Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website August 11, 2022, and the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on August 11, 2022. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Charles Froebe, Louie Brown, Owen Scott and Kenneth Smith. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk was present.

A motion was made by Louie Brown 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.

A motion was made by Charles Froebe to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 21, 2022 and Called Meeting August 04, 2022, Board of Commissioners. Motion seconded by Kenneth Smith. All in favor and motion carried.

There were no citizens to talk at Citizen Talk Time.

Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, presented the proposed budget for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The budget requested \$ 1,169,482 funds be made available to the Department.

A motion was made by Owen Scott to approve the \$ 1,169,482 amount requested by the Department under the terms of the contract with the District for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin explained that the Board will need to approve Form 1295, Certificate of Interested Parties prepared by the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. A motion was made by Charles Froebe to approve the document. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin explained to the Board the amount of the District funds needed for the Board for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 was \$ 410,616. A motion was made by Owen Scott to approve the \$ 410,616 needed by the Board from District funds Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

At 4:33 Carolyn Todd began a public hearing on the budget for the District for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. There were no visitors to comment on the proposed budget.

A motion was made by Louie Brown to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried. Carolyn Todd closed the public hearing at 4:34 p.m.

Annie Baldwin discussed the budget for the District. She stated the projected Beginning Balance is \$ 756,000, projected Total Revenues is \$ 1,682,179, projected Total Expenditures is \$ 1,580,098 and Projected Ending Balance is \$ 858,081. A motion was made by Louie Brown for a Resolution to approve the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 which includes funds to be paid to the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department under the terms of the contract. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. Voting in favor of the budget were: Carolyn Todd, Charles Froebe, Louie Brown, Owen Scott and Kenneth Smith.

At 4:44 p.m. Carolyn Todd began a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for the District for the tax year 2022. There were no visitors to comment on the proposed tax rate.

A motion was made by Charles Froebe to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried. Carolyn Todd closed the public hearing at 4:45 p.m.

Annie Baldwin explained the proposed tax rate of .078427 is more than the no new revenue tax rate. All necessary and legal steps have been taken by the District to adopt a tax rate. Louie Brown made a motion for a Resolution “that the property tax rate for the Smith County Emergency Services District #1 be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.078427 per \$ 100 valuation for tax year 2022. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 23.3% and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$ 100,000 home by approximately \$ 14.84. A tax rate of \$.00 be adopted for the payment of principal and interest on bonded debt of the District.” Motion seconded by Owen Scott. Voting in favor of the adoption of the tax rate were: Carolyn Todd, Charles Froebe, Louie Brown, Owen Scott and Kenneth Smith .

Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, presented the monthly reports for July. Call volume was down The Department has an on going interview process starting this month with six to eight prospects.

Charles Froebe, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for district fund was \$ 42,973.40. A motion was made by Louie Brown 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 that she and Carolyn Todd had visited with the President of the Lindale Branch of the Texas Bank And Trust, Lance Dudley as well as Andy Ford, another bank officer about the possibility of the District naming the bank as their Depository since the District would no longer be going out for bank bids. Both of the gentlemen were in agreement with this. A motion for a Resolution was made by Charles Froebe “for the

District to terminate its Bank Bid Policy which was effective September 16, 2002, as of September 30, 2022. The Board will no longer obtain bids for bank depository. Therefore, effective October 01, 2022, the Board of Commissioners will enter into an agreement and will name the Texas Bank And Trust, P. O. Box 3188, Longview, Texas 75606-3188 as its Depository. The agreement will be in effect until either party gives a 30 days notice to terminate it.” Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin explained that she had discussed with Texas Bank And Trust the possibility of cashing in the District's Certificates of Deposits and transferring the money to the District's regular bank account. Charles Froebe made a motion for a Resolution for the District to cash in its Certificates of Deposits on October 01, 2022, or as soon as possible thereafter and deposit the money into the District's regular bank account. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin explained to the Board that the City of Tyler had annexed some of the District's territory back in March 2022 and was just now getting the annexation information to the Board. The Ordinance was (0-2022-29) A-22 Genecov West Mud Creek. The City of Tyler will have responsibility to furnish fire fighting for the removed territory. Owen Scott made a motion for a Resolution that the Board remove from the District the land that the City of Tyler had annexed. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

Carolyn Todd stated that Kenneth Campbell stated the District would start working on the Sales and Use Tax election after the general election in November.

Charles Froebe presented a bill from Patrick Law Offices for legal services for \$ 400. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the bill and pay Patrick Law Offices \$ 400. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motions carried.

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

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

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

KENNETH SMITH, SECRETARY