

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER NO. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
APRIL 17, 2025**

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Joe Yeakley gave the invocation.

Pledge by all in attendance to the American Flag was led by Louie Brown.

Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website on April 10, 2025, and at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on April 14, 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.

Cory Crowell 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 March 20, 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.

Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented monthly activities report for March. There were 166 calls, 632 calls year to date, 9 out of district calls, 32 out of district calls year to date. Average response time is 8 minutes 36 seconds. The Department has made the switch to the new accounting system. The Chief stated that firefighters now have direct deposit. Stipend is now gone and firefighters are getting paid for each hour worked. There are several part time applications. Current roster is set at 61.

Owen Scott, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 187,440.53. 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 explained the Tax Abatement Policy and the need to renew it every two years. She stated the policy is adopted by all the taxing entities in Smith County. A motion was made by Cory Crowell for a Resolution to adopt the Tax Abatement Policy for the next two years to be effective May 20, 2025, through May 19, 2027. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Jordon Hicks, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, discussed with the Board setting up a Google Workspace in which the Board would be able to share documents. Initial estimated costs would not be more than \$ 2,500. Owen Scott made a motion for a Resolution allowing Jordon Hicks to set up Google Workspace and authorize \$ 2,500 for fees concerning same. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

There were no additional bills to be paid.

Owen Scott presented the Treasurer's Report for March 2025. Charles Froebe made a motion to approve the report. Motion seconded by Cory Crowell. 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

CHARLES FROEBE, SECRETARY