

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
AUGUST 14, 2025**

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Cory Crowell 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 August 07, 2025, and the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on August 11, 2025. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Owen Scott, Louie Brown, Charles Froebe and Cory Crowell. 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 Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2025, 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.

Annie Baldwin explained Unencumbered Fund Balances as \$ 5,392,366 and Current Year Debt Services as none. No action to be taken.

Annie Baldwin explained certification of 2025 Appraisal Roll and actual taxable amount from information received from the Smith County Appraisal District. She stated that the certified property values for the District were \$ 3,243,499,877, minus tax increment finance \$ 62,752,152, plus properties under protest or not included on certified appraisal roll \$ 118,836,072 equals \$ 3,299,583,797 taxable amount. No action to be taken.

Annie Baldwin explained that the 2025 No-New-Revenue Tax Rate is \$.064094, Voter-Approved Tax Rate is \$.068865 and De Minimis tax rate is \$.079347. No action to be taken.

Jeremy LaRue, Fire Chief, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented the proposed fire department budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The budget requested \$ 3,021,250. No action to be taken.

Annie Baldwin explained the amount of funds District needed for the Board Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 were a total of \$ 3,214,783, plus \$ 3,021,250 for Lindale Volunteer Fire Department for a total of \$ 6,236,033. No action to be taken.

Annie Baldwin presented the proposed ESD No. 1 budget which will have beginning balance of \$ 5,392,366, revenues of \$ 4,201,093 and expenditures of \$ 6,236,033 leaving an ending balance of \$ 3,357,426. Louie Brown made a motion for a Resolution to approve the proposed budget. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. After a discussion, a recorded vote was taken. Voting for the

proposed budget were Carolyn Todd, Owen Scott, Charles Froebe, Louie Brown and Cory Crowell. Motion carried

Annie Baldwin explained to the Board that if the Board sets a tax rate of \$.068865 at 100% collection rate, the yield would be \$ 2,272,258. At 95% collection rate the yield would be \$ 2,158,645 for budget. If the Board sets a tax rate of .064094 at 100% collection rate, the yield would be \$ 2,114,835. At 95 % collection rate the collection rate the yield would be \$ 2,009,093 for budget. Cory Crowell made a motion for a Resolution to approve a proposed a tax rate of \$.068865 for tax year 2025, FY 2025-2026. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. After a discussion, a recorded vote was taken. Voting in favor of tax rate of \$.068865 for tax year 2025, FY 2025-2026 were Carolyn Todd, Owen Scott, Charles Froebe, Louie Brown and Cory Crowell. Motion carried.

Annie Baldwin explained to the Board that a public hearing date would need to be set to adopt budget and set tax rate. Owen Scott made a motion to set the date of August 28, 2025 at 4:00 p.m., at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, 208 E. Hubbard St., Lindale, Texas. Motion seconded by Cory Crowell. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin explained the notice to be published in the newspaper was “Notice of Public Hearing to Vote on Tax Increase” and posted on the Board Website. Carolyn Todd authorized Annie Baldwin to put the notice in the newspaper and post it on the Board Website.

Carolyn explained she would like for the Board to hire Attorney Ken Campbell to address the Board Members concerning operations of the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. Cory Crowell made a motion to hire Ken Campbell. Motion did not receive a second and motion was not discussed by the Board. Mrs. Todd tabled the item.

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

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

CHARLES FROEBE, SECRETARY