

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER NO. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Carolyn Todd gave the invocation.

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

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

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 Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

The minutes of the Called Meeting of August 28, 2025, Board of Commissioners, were presented for approval. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Cory Crowell. All in favor and motion carried.

Jeremy Larue, Fire Chief, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented monthly activities report for August. The Department made a total of 207 calls five which was substantial. They are rapping up the budget year, and they are purchasing more bunker gear and station uniforms for the firefighters. Troy Pritchard, Assistant Fire Chief, reported the week of October 7th will be a busy week as they will be participating in the National Night Out at Darden Park and at Hideaway Lake. The fire department was called out to a 2 tractor trailer, 6 car wreck on Interstate 20. Smith County ESD No. 2 and other fire departments responded to the call. They were there for eight hours. He commended Colton Wintters for an outstanding job at the accident. The Department had another advanced fire call and the firefighters were called back from the structure right before the structure collapsed. There was one fatality at a fire on FM 14. The Department responded to a medical call in which there was an infant death. Chief Pritchard is very concerned about the health of all the firefighters and services are being made available.

Owen Scott, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 152,519.41. 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 to the Board that the Board's Investment Policy for the District had to be approved each year. Louie Brown made a motion to continue the policy that was approved in 2004 as presented. Motion seconded by Cory Crowell. All in favor and motion carried.

Cory Crowell presented a letter from the company Neumo. Their objective is to find businesses that are not collecting sales and use tax within our District. After a short discussion, Carolyn Todd tabled the item until more information could be collected

Annie Baldwin explained contract for 911 Dispatch Services Contract with Smith County for \$ 40,000 per year. Louie Brown made a motion for a Resolution to approve a contract for an Interlocal Agreement By and Between Smith County, Texas and Smith County Emergency Services District No. 1 for Emergency and Non-Emergency Dispatch Services to begin October 01, 2025, through and including September 30, 2026, and shall be automatically renewed unless terminated earlier as hereinafter provided in Article IV. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

Owen Scott presented the following bill: Annie C. Baldwin, \$ 442.12 (Office, \$ 322.12; Miscellaneous, \$ 120.00). Cory Crowell made a motion to approve the bill as presented. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

Owen Scott presented the Treasurer's Report for August 2025. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the report. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

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

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

CHARLES FROEBE, SECRETARY