

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

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 on February 12, 2026, and at the Lindale Volunteer fire Department on February 12, 2026. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Louie Brown, Owen Scott, Cory Crowell and Charles Froebe. 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 was seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

The minutes of the Called Meeting of February 12, 2026, Board of Commissioners, were presented for approval. Cory Crowell made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Carolyn Todd convened the Board into a closed session to discuss property. Mrs. Todd stated it was 4:04 p.m.

Carolyn Todd re-convened the Board into open session at 4:28 p.m. She stated “No action taken or decisions made in the closed session.”

Jerme Larue, Fire Chief, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented the monthly activities report for January. There were 252 total calls. He stated that station 2 storage equipment has been bought and will be delivered on January 25, 2026. Jordan Hicks, Brad Brown, Riley Alvey and Josh Johnson are in Florida checking on the new fire truck. Payroll was up during ice storm. Notice of applications for firefighters to join the fire department opened and within 24 hours 25 people had applied for full time, part time and volunteer positions. Applications will close on March 25th and interviews will start. The new Tahoes are being equipped. Countywide CAD training will begin in April.

Owen Scott, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 136,848.55. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the bills and pay the fire department the requested amount. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. Cory Crowell voiced his opinion that the ESD Board not pay bill submitted by Ramey & Flock which he thought was inappropriate and discussion followed. Louie Brown, Owen Scott, Charles Froebe voted in favor of motion. Cory Crowell voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Cory Crowell made a motion for a Resolution for the Board to approve a policy that will allow

the Board President and/or Treasurer to transfer money from Regular Checking account to Special Account without board approval and report it to the Board as soon as the next Board meeting. Owen Scott stated he would not want to transfer any money to Special Account without Board approved. Carolyn Todd said she would also not do it without Board approval. All board members voted against the Resolution and motion did not pass.

Annie Baldwin discussed the Notice of Proposed Consent Annexations of Property by the City of Lindale. Mrs. Baldwin stated there was no known financial impact on the Districts resulting from the annexations, including the District's revenues, or maintenance, operation and utility costs. No action was taken by the Board.

Cory Crowell and Louie Brown discussed topics that were discussed at training sessions they attended at the 2026 SAFE-D Annual Conference. No action was taken by the Board.

Owen Scott presented the following bills for payment: Smith County Appraisal District \$ 30,371.00 for 2026 assessment for services (Replacement for check # 1012 which stop payment has been made on February 02, 2026); Cory Crowell, \$ 1,346 for approved expenditures for training at SAFE-D 2026 Annual Conference; Louie Brown, \$ 1,256.60 for approved expenditures for training at SAFE-D 2026 Annual Conference. Charles Froebe made a motion to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Cory Crowell. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin discussed the revised Treasurer's Report for December 2025. She explained that check number 1012 dated December 18, 2025, for assessment of services for \$ 30,371 had not been received by the Smith County Appraisal District; therefore, on February 02, 2026, a stop payment had been issued by Texas Bank And Trust and a replacement check had been issued. A revised Treasurer Report for December 2025 has been prepared deleting the \$ 30,371 for that month. Charles Froebe made a motion to approve the revised Treasurer Report for December 2025. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Owen Scott presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2026. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the report. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

No comments were made by the Board.

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

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

CHARLES FROEBE, SECRETARY