

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
APRIL 16, 2026**

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Carolyn Todd gave the invocation.

Pledge by all in attendance to the American Flag lead by Charles Froebe.

Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website on April 08, 2026, and at the Lindale Volunteer fire Department on April 08, 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 April 08, 2026, 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.

Jerney Larue, Fire Chief, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented the monthly activities report for March. There had been 253 calls, several structure fires, vehicle wrecks and one home damaged by tornado on CR 498. The Chief stated that another house had been damaged by the tornado, but the owner did not call 911. The two new Tahoes are now in service. There have been a few hiccups with the new CAD System and it may be online in May.

Owen Scott, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 189,826.53. 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 presented the annual Audit ending September 30, 2025. The auditor did not find any areas of concern, and they had no recommendations to make. Cory Crowell made a motion for a Resolution to approve the Audit for the District for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025, and pay the bill of \$ 6,775 to Wilf & Henderson, PC. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin explained that the Board would need to call for an election for District for the General Election of November 03, 2026. Single Member Districts to be voted on would be numbers two, three and five. Owen Scott made a motion for a Resolution for the Smith County Emergency Services District No. 1 to call an election for the General Election of November 03, 2026, for Single Member Districts two, three and five. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. Voting for the Resolution to call for the elections were: Carolyn Todd, Cory Crowell, Owen Scott, Louie

Brown and Charles Froebe.

Jerney Larue reported that the Department had been awarded a Texas Forest Service Grant to purchase a new 2025 Skeeter 2604-1 Large Brush Truck for a total of \$ 376,472. The Grant will pay for 95% of the cost and the Department will pay 5% of the cost of the truck. Louie Brown made a motion for a Resolution to approve the purchase by the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department of a new 2025 Skeeter 2604-1 Large Brush Truck for \$ 376,472. Motion seconded by Cory Crowell. All in favor and motion carried.

Carolyn Todd stated that the District would now buy 2.66 acres of land instead of the 2.7 acres and the Seller has agreed to sell the land for \$ 186,200. The District would pay Landmark Title Company a total of \$ 7,000 (\$ 5,000 Earnest Money and \$ 2,000 Option Fee). Mrs. Todd had a discussion with Wallace Surveying to survey the property. Louie Brown made a motion for a Resolution for a Resolution to amend Resolution Number 03-2026 dated March 19, 2026, to state that the Smith County Emergency Services No. 1 move to purchase 2.66 acres of land on CR 482 for \$ 186,200 from the Seller, Gregory A. Fraser Trust, and authorize payment to Landmark Title Company for \$ 7,000 (\$ 5,000 Earnest Money and \$ 2,000 Option Fee). The District will employ Wallace Johnson Surveying and Mapping, LLC, to survey the property. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

Mrs. Todd explained the different four different types of construction methods. Louie Brown made a motion that the construction manager-at-risk method will provide the best value for the District in awarding construction contracts for construction of the new fire station. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

Mrs. Todd stated that since we do not have any additional bills to pay, we would go to item #15.

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

Cory Crowell stated he would like to see an item for the next regular meeting of the Board for discussion for possibility of buying property for two new fire stations, and hiring of a broker to help with this endeavor. No action would be taken at the meeting.

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

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

CHARLES FROEBE, SECRETARY