MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER NO. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
AUGUST 20, 2026

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Cory Crowell gave the invocation.

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

Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website on August 13, 2026, and at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on August 13, 2026. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were 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 Called Meeting of August 13, 2026, Board of Commissioners, were presented for approval. Owen Scott 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 July. The Department made 292 calls in July, on track for 3,000 for this year. Burn Ban is now in effect for ninety days. Staffing is going really well. Additional personnel are on the night shift. Cory Crowell and Chief Larue discussed problems with the CAD System.

Owen Scott, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was $ 197,478.69. Charles Froebe made a motion to approve the bills and pay the fire department the requested amount. Motion seconded by Cory Crowell. All in favor and motion carried.

Since the contract with Watson Commercial Construction LTD was not ready, Mrs. Todd tabled this item.

Mrs. Todd stated that the Form 1295 could not be discussed at this time since contract with Watson Commercial Construction LTD was not signed. She tabled this item.

The contract with Harris Craig Architects was discussed. Charles Froebe made a motion for a Resolution to approve the contract with Harris Craig Architects and to allow Carolyn Todd to sign the contract. Motion seconded by Cory Crowell. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin discussed the contract with Ratliff Bookkeeping & Tax Service, LLC. Cory Crowell made a motion for a Resolution to approve the contract with Ratlliff Bookkeeping & Tax

Service and to allow Carolyn Todd to sign the contract. Further, the Board agrees to convert to QuickBooks Online Software, allowing Ratliff Bookkeeping & Tax Service LLC to purchase QuickBooks and get reimbursement from the Board. The Board also agrees to transition to a Cloud Data Storage Software for data archival purposes instead of paper files, allowing Ratliff Bookkeeping & Tax Service LLC to purchase the Cloud Data Storage Software and get reimbursed by the Board. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Owen Scott presented the following bill: Patrick Law Offices, $ 385.00 for Legal. 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 July 2026. Cory Crowell made a motion to approve the report. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried. Mr. Scott stated the Board could be making more money if they transferred money from the regular checking account to the special account. The special account paid 3.5% interest and the regular checking account only paid ½%.

Cory Crowell stated he would like to tell the firemen thank you for working so hard under bad conditions.

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

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CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

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CHARLES FROEBE, SECRETARY