MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Owen Scott gave the invocation.

Pledge by all in attendance to the American Flag lead by Cory Crowell.

Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website on September 10, 2026, and at the Lindale Volunteer fire Department on September 11, 2026. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Molly Brown, Owen Scott, Cory Crowell and Charles Froebe. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk, was absent.

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 Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

The minutes of the Called Meeting of August 27, 2026, Board of Commissioners, were presented for approval. Cory Crowell made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Jermey Larue, Fire Chief, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented the monthly activities report for August. There were 289 calls for the month of August. Calls were mainly brush and grass fires and 35% of the calls were in support of EMS. Beginning September 18, 2026, the Department will increase manning for brush fire calls to 3 fire fighters per shift. October is Fire Prevention Month, and the Department has planned School and community festivities. The Chief stated there are currently 68 employees, 50 are certified career fire fighters, 16 are certified, but not career fire fighters, 2 are non-certified but are at the Fire Academy. Three recruits from the latest class of 17 have left the class to pursue other endeavors.

Owen Scott, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was $ 176,046.94. Cory Crowell 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.

Charles Froebe discussed two proposed consent annexations of property by the City of Lindale. The properties are located northwest of the intersection of Jim Hogg Rd and the I-20 access road. No action was taken by the Board.

Charles Froebe explained to the Board that the Board's Investment Policy for the District had to be approved each year. Cory Crowell made a motion to continue the policy that was presented. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Charles Froebe explained Notice of Election for General Election of November 03, 2026, which

listed where all the voting centers would be located in Smith County for early voting and election day. A motion was made by Cory Crowell for a Resolution to approve the Notice of Election for election of November 03, 2026. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Charles Froebe discussed naming an individual to the Lindale Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone #3 for a two year term beginning October 30, 2026, and ending October 29, 2028. Charles Froebe made a motion for a Resolution to name Cory Crowell to represent District on the City of Lindale Tax Increment Financing Zone #3 for a two year term beginning October 30, 2026, and ending October 29, 2028. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Owen Scott presented bill from Annie Baldwin for $ 897.83 (Office $ 30.27, Training $ 210.00, Miscellaneous $ 417.56, and Miscellaneous Gas $ 240.00. Charles Froebe made a motion to pay the bill as presented. Motion seconded by Cory Crowell. All in favor and motion carried.

Mr. Kenny Vent spoke to the Board about his concerns of the EDS using tax payer's money for apparatus and the apparatus being titled in the fire departments name. Carolyn Todd thanked Mr. Vent for his comments. This was a discussion only item.

Charles Froebe read correspondence from Ray Hubbard, VFISTX, in which he recommends that the fire departments vehicles remain on the fire department insurance policy rather than being put on the ESD policy. The fire department operates the vehicles and assumes the day to day exposure associated with them. If the ESD owns or funds the vehicles, the ESD will still be listed as the LOSS PAYEE. Cory Crowell asked what would happen if the Board would experience a major law suit? No action was taken by the Board.

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

Carolyn Todd stated there will be a called meeting on October 28, 2026 at 4 PM to discuss the Station 4 designs.

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

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

CHARLES FROEBE, SECRETARY