MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
OCTOBER 15, 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 Molly Brown.

Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website on October 06, 2026, and at the Lindale Volunteer fire Department on October 06, 2026. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Molly Brown, Owen Scott and Cory Crowell. Board Member Charles Froebe was absent. Board Clerk, Sarah Yoder, was present. 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 Regular Meeting of September 17, 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.

Jeremy Larue, Fire Chief, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented the monthly activities report for September 2026. There were 232 calls which included several grass and brush fires.

County Fest was October 10th and the Department provided 12 staff members and 2 engines for the event. Wine Fest will be October 17th. A red flag warning has been given for tomorrow, October 16th due to high winds and lower humidity.

The CAD system is functional but was temporarily infected with a virus but was quickly addressed. Out-of-district calls have increased, leaving the district, at times, short staffed. The out-of-district calls for June were 24, July: 32 calls, August: 40 calls, September: 15 calls and to date October 22 calls. Hopefully, some mitigation can be made since 50% of the coverage from other districts came to Lindale.

Owen Scott, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was $ 472,864.46. Molly Brown 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.

Sarah Yoder, Board Clerk, discussed Smith County Tax Abatement Committee Annual Review. She stated that Sanderson Farms was compliant with the tax abatement agreement and was approved for 45% for the Hatchery 80% abatement for the Farms Plant 2026. Cory Crowell made a motion for a Resolution to accept the Smith County Tax Abatement Annual Review as

presented. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Carolyn Todd tabled the discussion of the 2026 Tax Rolls as the information had not been received from the Smith County Tax Assessor-Collector.

Six people signed up to discuss the Design of the Lindale Fire Station No.4: Voicing their opposition to the Design were Douglas Tweedie and Kenny Vent. Supporting the Design was: Caleb Laskowski, Elijah Krajewski, Richard Bellar and Joe Yeakley.

Josh Mascarro, an Architect with Craig Harris, clarified and answered questions from the board. He explained the process of building the ESD #2 station in Jamestown. Mr. Mascarro stated the estimated cost of Lindale Fire Station No. 4 to be around 3.9 million rather than 4.3 million. Not building the third bay at this time would save approximately $ 288,000. He stated that if the Design is approved, it can be modified.

During the Board discussion of the Design, Cory Crowell expressed his opposition and Owen Scott stated he was in favor. Owen Scott made a motion for a Resolution to approve the Design of the Lindale Fire Station No. 4. Motion was seconded by Molly Brown. A recorded vote was taken. Voting yes was: Carolyn Todd, Owen Scott and Molly Brown. Voting no was Cory Crowell. Motion carried.

Carolyn Todd discussed agreement with Terracon to provide Geotechnical Engineering Services for the Lindale Fire Station No. 4. Owen Scott made a motion for a Resolution to approve contract with Terracon and pay bill of $ 7,480.00. Motion was seconded by Molly Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Owen Scott presented bills from U. T. Health East Texas for $ 9,437.00 (Tower Maintenance); Texas Municipal League for $ 44,145.08 (Insurance); Smith County for $ 40,000.00 (911 Dispatch); HCA Harris Craig Architects for $ 28,800.00 (Architectural-Fire Station No. 4); Stanger Surveying Tyler, LLC for $ 4,375.00 (Topographical Survey-Fire Station No.4); SAFE-D for $ 2,500.00 (Training). Cory Crowell made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Molly Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

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

There were no comments by the Board Members.

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