

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
OCTOBER 20, 2022**

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Joe Yeakley gave the invocation.

Pledge by all I attendance to the American Flag lead by Kenneth Smith.

Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website on October 13, 2022, and the Lindale Volunteer fire Department on October 13, 2022. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Louie Brown, Owen Scott and Kenneth Smith. Board Member Charles Froebe was absent. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk, was present.

Louie Brown 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 15, 2022, Board of Commissioners, were presented for approval. Kenneth Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

There were no citizens to talk during Citizen Talk Time.

Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented the monthly activities report for September. The Department is on pace to run between 1,800-2,000 calls this year, 60% more than last year. The new ER in Lindale has opened. The Chief visited with the ER doctor and charge nurse. Mr. Yeakley has discussed the remodeling of the main fire station with an architect who has done preliminary notes for free. The Department made some changes which the architect has looked at and will get back in touch with the Department. The Chief stressed he wanted to use local engineers and civil engineer. Survey of the property has been completed. The Department is still working to buy property for new fire station site.

Owen Scott, Assistant Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 193,367.25. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the bills and pay the fire department the requested amount. Motion seconded by Kenneth Smith. All in favor and motion carried.

Joe Yeakley discussed the Department ordering a new Ford Skeeter Brush Truck. The Department has been informed that Dodge is not taking any governmental orders for the rest of 2022 and 2023. Ford has opened up orders from October 17, 2022, through October 30, 2022, but cannot guarantee orders can be accepted. Need to order truck and sign agreement for a chassis and then will be 18-20 months before would get the truck. Cost of truck proposal is \$ 199,00. Fire Department will pay for truck out of its capital expenditure fund Louie Brown made a

motion for a Resolution to approve the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department's ordering a Ford F550 Skeeter brush truck. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin discussed Smith County Tax Abatement Committee Annual Review. She stated that Sanderson Farm was compliant with the tax abatement agreement and was approved for 80% abatement for 2022. Owen Scott made a motion to approve the Smith County Tax Abatement Committee Annual Review as presented. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Carolyn Todd stated the Ken Campbell Attorney, will start after the November election discussing the Sales and Use Tax. No action to be taken.

Owen Scott presented the following bills for payment: TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool in the amount of \$ 21,395.36 for workers' compensation; UT Health East Texas EMS in the amount of \$ 9,437 for tower maintenance; SAFE-D in the amount of \$ 1,100 for membership dues; Smith County n the amount of \$ 8,550.51 for dispatch. Kenneth Smith made a motion to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Owen Scott presented the Treasurer's Report for September 2022. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the report. Motion seconded by Kenneth Smith. All in favor and motion carried.

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

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

KENNETH SMITH, SECRETARY