

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
MAY 21, 2020**

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Joe Yeakley gave the invocation.

Pledge by all in 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 May 14, 2020, and at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on May 14, 2020. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Louie Brown, John Yarbrough, Kenneth Smith and Charles Froebe. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk, was present.

John Yarbrough 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 Regular Meeting of April 16, 2020, Board of Commissioners, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Kenneth Smith to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by John Yarbrough. 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 April. He stated that more people were going to the hospital now that the fear of getting COVID-19 is easing. Fire Department calls are going back up. The Chief reported that all nursing home patients and employees will be tested for the virus and that the fire departments would be helping with this endeavor. Any monies spent including personnel costs would be reimbursed by Smith County from monies received from the federal government. The Department may also get involved in testing employees at Sanderson Farms. June is election time for officers for the Department, but the Chief does not expect much change. The A&M firefighters school has been cancelled for this year so no firefighters will be attending.

John Yarbrough, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 78,469.04. A motion was made by Kenneth Smith to approve the bills and pay the fire department the requested amount. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Joe Yeakley presented Audit for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Apartment for fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. Carolyn Todd explained to the Board Members they could examine the Audit, and if they wanted to discuss anything, it would be on the agenda for next month to discuss. No action to be taken at this time.

Joe Yeakley briefly discussed the Webcast of May 11, 2020, concerning assistance to firefighters grants. He stated that the Department had not incurred enough expenditures contributed to

COVID-19 so there would be no need to make application for reimbursement costs through FEMA but might get reimbursement from other sources.

Annie Baldwin explained that each year the Board needed to make a decision if they would continue workman's compensation coverage for the Lindale Volunteer Firefighters for the next fiscal year. A motion was made by Charles Froebe to continue the workman's compensation at the current rate of a guaranteed of \$ 210 per week which also includes death & disability benefits. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin discussed the Preliminary Property Value Analysis for 2020. No action to be taken by the Board.

Annie Baldwin discussed an Attorney General's opinion concerning public access to emergency services district's meetings. She explain that the Board is in compliance with the opinion. No action to be taken by the Board.

After a short discussion concerning Texas House Bill 3834 concerning cyber security awareness training requirements, Charles Froebe make a motion for the Board to take the on line training provided by the Texas Municipal League. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

John Yarbrough, Treasurer, presented a bill from the U. S. Postal Service for \$ 42.00 for box rent. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the bill and pay the amount as presented. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

John Yarbrough presented the Treasurer's Report for April 2020. A motion was made by Charles Froebe to approve the report. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

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

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

KENNETH SMITH, SECRETARY