

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
JULY 15, 2021**

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Louie Brown gave the invocation.

Pledge by all in attendance to the American Flag lead by Owen Scott.

Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website on July 09, 2021, and at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on July 10, 2021. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Owen Scott, Louie Brown, Kenneth Smith and Charles Froebe. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk, was present.

A motion was made by Louie Brown 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 June 17, 2021, Board of Commissioners, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Kenneth Smith to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. 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 June 2021. The Chief stated nothing major happened and that operations are going well. The Department had a fire at Posados Restaurant. There were no injuries. Engine 2 has cost the Department a lot of money for repairs, and there are safety concerns. He feels it is time to replace the engine.

Charles Froebe, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 74,164.07 A motion was made by Louie Brown to approve the bills and pay the fire department the requested amount. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin discussed publication of unencumbered fund balances and current year debt service. She explained she has estimated the unencumbered fund balance to be \$ 430,055 and the debt service to be \$ 0.0. (No action to be taken)

A discussion concerning the budget expenses of the Smith County Emergency Services District #1 for FY 2021-2022 was held. Annie Baldwin explained the budget items the District would have to consider. No action to be taken at this time.

A discussion concerning the budget expenses of the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department for FY 2021-2022 was held. Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, discussed the fire department's budget. No action

to be taken at this time.

Annie Baldwin explained to the Board that they needed to set a date, time and place for a called meeting to discuss proposed tax rate, no-new revenue tax rate, voter-approval tax rate, de minimis rate, and unused increment rate. A motion was made by Charles Froebe to set a called meeting on Thursday, August 05, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. At the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, 208 E. Ferguson, Lindale, Texas to discuss these items. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin presented to the Board a letter from the auditing firm of Wilf & Henderson, P. C., in which they expressed an interest in auditing the District's accounts for the current fiscal year ending on September 30, 2021, for a fee not to exceed \$ 6,000 and the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, not to exceed \$ 6,250. A motion was made by Louie Brown for a Resolution to employ the firm of Wilf & Henderson, P. C. , 1810 Galleria Oaks, Texarkana, Texas 75503, to audit the District's accounts for the current Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021, for a fee not to exceed \$ 6,000 and the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022, for a fee not to exceed \$ 6,250. Invoices for fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. The Audit will be conducted under the supervision of Mrs. Kelly Birdwell, Engagement Partner. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin discussed the Smith County Appraisal District's budget for 2021. No action to be taken.

Annie Baldwin discussed information she has received from Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta LLP, concerning redistricting for the District. She reported that the law firm will not get data information until September from the Census Bureau. After September 30th the law firm will begin to redistrict entities with counties and cities first and then special districts last. If there is less than 10% difference in population shift, we do not have to redistrict. The law firm would send personnel to one of our meetings or could possibly discuss the results by zoom or conference call. Anything the law firm does extra will cost the District. No action to be taken at this time.

Charles Froebe presented the Treasurer's Report for June. A motion was made by Louie Brown to approve the report. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

A motion was made by Owen Scott to adjourn. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

KENNETH SMITH, SECRETARY