## MINUTES OF METING SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. LINDALE. TEXAS AUGUST 19, 2021

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Owen Scott 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 August 11, 2021, and the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on August 11, 2021. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Charles Froebe, Louie Brown, Owen Scott and Kenneth Smith. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk was present.

A motion was made by Charles Froebe to approve the Agenda with the understanding that the items may be acted upon in any order. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in for and motion carried.

A motion was made by Kenneth Smith to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2021, and the Called Meeting of August 05, 2021, Board of Commissioners. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Carolyn Todd introduced Amanda Froebe, Owner, State Farm Insurance Agency. Mrs. Froebe presented the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department with items the Department could use during October for Fire Prevention Week. Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, expressed his appreciation for the kit. No action to be taken.

There were no citizens to talk at Citizen Talk Time.

Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, presented the proposed budget for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The budget requested \$ 1,070,000 funds be made available to the Department.

A motion was made by Louie Brown to approve the \$ 1,070,000 amount requested by the Department under the terms of the contract with the District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin explained that the Board will need to approve Form 1295, Certificate of Interested Parties prepared by the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. A motion was made by Kenneth Smith to approve the document. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

At 4:16 p.m. Carolyn Todd began a public hearing on the budget for the District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. There were no visitors to comment on the proposed budget.

A motion was made by Louie Brown to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried. Carolyn Todd closed the public hearing at 4:17 p.m.

Annie Baldwin discussed the budget for the District. She stated the projected Beginning Balance is \$ 430,055, projected Total Revenues is \$ 1,155,807; projected Total Expenditures is \$ 1,167,860 and projected Ending Balance is \$ 418,002. A motion was made by Owen Scott for a Resolution to approve the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 which includes funds to be paid to the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department under the terms of the contract. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. Voting in favor of the budget were: Carolyn Todd, Charles Froebe, Louie Brown, Owen Scott and Kenneth Smith. Motion carried.

At 4:25 Carolyn Todd began a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for the District for the tax year 2021. There were no visitors to comment on the proposed tax rate.

A motion was made by Charles Froebe to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried. Carolyn Todd closed the public hearing at 4:27 p.m.

Annie Baldwin explained the proposed tax rate of \$.063588 per \$ 100 valuation and is more than the no-new-revenue tax rate. She stated that all necessary and legal steps had been taken by the District to adopt a tax rate. Louie Brown made a motion for a Resolution "that the property tax rate for the Smith County Emergency Services District #1 be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$ .063588 per \$ 100 valuation for tax year 2021 which is effectively a 7.3 percent increase in the tax rate. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$ 100,000 home by \$ .00. A tax rate of \$ .00 be adopted for the payment of principal and interest on bonded debt of the District." Motion seconded by Kenneth Smith. Voting in favor of the adoption of the tax rate were: Carolyn Todd, Charles Froebe, Louie Brown and Kenneth Smith. Voting against the adoption of the tax rate was Owen Scott. Motion carried.

Annie Baldwin discussed the Financial Audit of the Smith County Appraisal District. No action to be taken.

Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, presented the monthly reports for July. He stated it has been a busy month. Covid 19 is becoming a big concern. The Department has gone back to COVID regulations. They do have some tests available to test the firefighters for COVID. Chief Yeakley stated that on September 11<sup>th,</sup> which will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombings, there will be a memorial service at the Square in Tyler, Texas at 7:30 a.m and invited the board members to attend.

Charles Froebe, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for district funds was \$ 76,045.51. A motion was made by Louie Brown to approve the bills and pay the fire department the requested amount. Motion seconded by Kenneth Smith. All in favor and motion carried.

Charles Froebe presented the Treasurer's Report for July. 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 Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

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