

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
JANUARY 19, 2023**

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Carolyn Todd 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 January 13, 2023, and at the Lindale Volunteer fire Department on January 13, 2023. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Louie Brown, Owen Scott, Kenneth Smith and Charles Froebe. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk, was present.

Annie Baldwin, Notary, administered the Oath of Office to Carolyn Todd, Louie Brown and Owen Scott.

A motion was made by Charles Froebe for a Resolution to elect the following officers: President, Carolyn Todd; Vice-President, Louie Brown; Secretary, Kenneth Smith; Treasurer Charles Froebe and Assistant Treasurer, Owen Scott. All officers will be authorized to sign on any financial accounts and authorized to inquire on any financial accounts. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk, will be authorized to inquire on any financial accounts. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Owen Scott made a motion to approve the Agenda with the understanding that the items may be acted upon in any order. Motion was seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

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

There were no citizens to talk during Citizen Talk Time.

Jordan Hicks, Treasurer, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented the monthly activities report for December 2022. He stated the new brush truck is now in service. The Department has signed an agreement with DFD Architects concerning remodeling of the main fire station. They have paid the company their first draw. The Department has not obtained a construction loan at this time. The Department has lost two firefighters due to their relocating. They are interviewing four more for volunteer firefighter positions.

Annie Baldwin discussed paying off the debt for fire truck for Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. She explained the payoff is \$ 90,442.01. The Board would not have to amend the budget for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023, unless the Department goes over its total budget by that date and the Budget could be amended whenever necessary. A motion was made

by Louie Brown to approve the payoff of the fire truck for the Department at \$ 90,442.01. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

Charles Froebe, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 169,290.77. Louie Brown made a motion 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 a letter from Ken Campbell, Attorney, written to Smith County Judge Neal Franklin concerning the Sales And Use Tax election. She also discussed emails from Ken Campbell concerning the above subject. Discussion was held concerning the Board's possible hiring of a Public Relation's Firm to help with the Sales And Use Tax election. Mrs. Todd stated she would call Ken Campbell tomorrow to discuss this with him. She stated that the Board could have a called meeting to vote on this if necessary. Cory Crowell, Lindale Volunteer Firefighter, discussed his willingness to help get the Sales And Use Tax approved, such as talking to organizations. Mrs. Todd thanked him for his willingness to help.

Charles Froebe presented the following bills for payment: Anderson Jury & Brenner, L.L.P. \$ 260.00 for Sales And Use Tax; Smith County Appraisal District \$ 17,628 for 2023 Assessment Services; TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool \$ 4,841.20 for workers' compensation insurance; Anderson Jury & Brenner, L.L.P. \$ 240 for Sales And Use Tax. Owen Scott made a motion to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

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

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

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

KENNETH SMITH, SECRETARY