

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER NO. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
MAY 16, 2024**

Louie Brown, Vice-President, called the meeting to order.

Owen Scott gave the invocation.

Pledge by all in attendance to the American Flag lead by Charles Froebe.

Louie Brown certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website on May 10, 2024, and at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on May 12, 2024. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Louie Brown, Owen Scott, Charles Froebe and Kenneth Smith. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk, was present.

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

The minutes of Regular Meeting of April 18, 2024, and called meeting of April 25, 2024, Board of Commissioners, were presented for approval. Kenneth Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

Jerretta Pate addressed the Board in Citizen Talk Time. Mrs. Pate expressed her concerns that there is inadequate number of firefighters on staff for both Lindale and Hideaway Lake. She didn't think the department should be buying more expensive equipment but put on more firefighters. Mrs. Pate stated that she has gone by the fire department when no one was on duty. The Board did not enter into discussion.

Andrew Stone addressed the Board in Citizen Talk Time. Mr. Stone expressed his appreciation to the first responders and talked about the explosive growth out growing our capacity to adequately handle the calls. He felt like some calls are not being covered. He stated he would be glad to help with resources in any way he could. The Board did not enter into discussion.

Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented the monthly activities report for April. There were 165 calls which were more than usual. Nineteen prospective firefighters have passed the physical agility tests. They are still working on physicals. The Department may have an additional four to six applicants. Chief Yeakley stated they have more applications now as the Department has relaxed its rule that you had to live in the District to be a member of the fire department.

Charles Froebe, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 99,607.32. 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 presented the Planning Calendar for the District for Tax Year 2024 for Truth-In-

Taxation Laws. Owen Scott made a motion to approve the Calendar. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin discussed Preliminary Property Value Analysis for 2024 from information from the Smith County Appraisal District. No action necessary to be taken.

Kenneth Smith discussed the City of Lindale Reinvestment Zone #2 meeting of April 30, 2024 in which a developer is interested in development in the zone. He stated the reinvestment zone board approved the agreement. No action to be taken by the Board.

Carolyn Todd said that since our attorney, Glen Patrick, had not had adequate time to look over the agreement with the District and Quality Construction Services Inc., she would table this agenda item.

Joe Yeakley stated the fire department would sign the non-standard service agreement with Lindale Rural Water Corporation after contract has been signed to build fire station #4. No action to be taken by the Board.

Annie Baldwin discussed the Sales and Use Tax Allocation Summary for May 2024 from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts office. Gross collections were \$ 154,689.59 minus State fees which left a total of \$ 151,163.88 to be deposited into the Board's bank account. No action to be taken by the Board.

Charles Froebe presented the following bill for payment: Glen Patrick, \$ 1,225.53 for reimbursement of legal fees. Louie Brown made a motion to approve payment of the bill as presented. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Charles Froebe presented the Treasurer's Report for April 2024. Kenneth Smith 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 Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

KENNETH SMITH, SECRETARY