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The Rusk County Emergency Services District #1 met on this date at 7:09 p.m. with Board President David Burks presiding. Board Members present were Brian Bathke, Gloria Dooley and Jiffy Dukes. Board Members absent were Wayne Griffith. The meeting was opened with a prayer from Brian Besson followed by the pledge to the American flag.

A roll call of departments presented was recorded as follows: Carlisle, Church Hill, Crims Chapel, Eastside, Elderville, Garrison, Henderson, Laneville, Mt. Enterprise, New London, New Salem, Overton, Reklaw, Rusk County Rescue, and Tatum. Departments recorded as absent were: Texas Forest Service, Kilgore, and Kilgore Rescue.

The minutes of the previous meetings were then presented to the Board for their consideration and approval as emailed. On a motion made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Brian Bathke, the minutes were approved as emailed by a unanimous vote of the Board.

The financial report and payment of bills were then tabled with a motion from Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Brian Bathke, as they were not yet completed. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The first item under Old Business was to consider, discuss and possibly approve any pending items regarding the remodel of the training facility. Board Member Gloria Dooley presented an invoice from 3D Security in the amount of \$1,404.00 for the annual cloud fee for the camera system. A motion to approve and pay the invoice was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Brian Bathke. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Board Member Gloria Dooley updated the Board on items still pending at the building and that land scaping had started and asphalt work would begin on June 25th. She also updated the Board on the tax abatement approved by the Commissioners Court and the impact it could have on the ESD in the future.

The next item under Old Business was to consider, discuss and possibly approve anything pertaining to radio communications in the District. The Board agreed to table any discussion regarding PSAP at the building for the time being; 2 consolets would be installed in the command center IT room and a study would be ordered on a free standing tower at the Laneville VFD to serve the south and west ends of the county.

The next item under Old Business was to consider and possibly approve replacement tires for two of the Tatum VFD trucks. Chief Rayford Gibson presented a quote in the amount of \$5,520.68. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Board Member Brian Bathke, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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The last item under Old Business was to consider and possibly approve any bids from the Carlise VFD on a tender or from the Laneville VFD on a rescue/brush truck. The Carlise VFD presented 4 tender bids to the Board and the Board considered the two bids that met the District's specifications. As the two bids were within \$2,000 of each other, the Board asked the department for their preference and the department ask that the bid from Siddons-Martin be approved and also requested that the Board authorize the sale rep, Chris Mahler, to try to purchase the first demo unit offered on July 1st at the same cost and below. A motion to approve the Siddons-Martin bid as per the specifications listed above was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Brian Bathke. On a unanimous vote of the Board, the motion was approved.

The Board then received bids on the Laneville VFD rescue/brush truck from Siddons-Martin and Safe Industries. Siddons-Martin presented a bid on an extended cab chassis, XLT Ford 550 truck that met the specifications. The bid from Safe Industries did not meet specifications but they requested additional time to prepare a bid to meet specs. A motion to table the bids to allow extra time was made by Board Member Brian Bathke, and duly seconded by Board Member Gloria Dooley. The motion passed with a majority vote of the Board, with Board Member Jiffy Dukes abstaining.

The first item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve reimbursement to the Church Hill VFD for the purchase of bunker gear at a cost of \$2,435.00 . A motion to approve the request was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Brian Bathke. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve a 50/50 cost share with the Henderson Fire Department on repairs to brush truck #1 at a cost of \$3,580.00. A motion to approve the cost share was made by Board Member Brian Bathke, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve reimbursement to the New London VFD for repair parts in the amount of \$2,980.00. A motion to approve the reimbursement was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Gloria Dooley. The motion passed with a majority vote, with Board Member Brian Bathke abstaining.

The next item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve reimbursement to the New London VFD for a 10% cost share on bunker gear in the amount of \$2,716.63. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Gloria Dooley. The motion passed with a majority vote, with Board Member Brian

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Bathke abstaining.

The next item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve reimbursement to the Reklaw VFD for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$5,417.00 (department presented documentation of having met the \$3,000.00 requirement in paid repairs). A motion to approve was made by Board Member Brian Bathke, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The next item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve authorization on a new account and signature cards for sales and use tax revenue. Board Secretary/Treasurer Gloria Dooley presented the request and explained that the District had received their first deposit for the month of April on Sales and Use tax collection in the amount of \$262,447.32 and that these funds had been deposited into an interest bearing money market account. She also pointed out that while there was no history to project the amount of funding for a complete year she was estimating it to be in excess of 3 million dollars. She suggested to the Board that a special meeting be called to determine the use of these funds in the near future. A motion to approve the new account and a future meeting was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The last item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve a date for the annual budget workshop. After a review of available dates, a motion was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, to set the date of July 2nd at 6 p.m. for the workshop. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Under public comments the following was noted: June 2 2nd-LZ/triage class from 8:00-3:30 p.m.; need for all disaster recovery forms to be completed ; reminder from the Board that all departments must stay current on incident reports in Response Master to receive annual funding; Texas Eastman school first Saturday in Oct. sponsored by TEEX.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Board Member David Burks, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. On a unanimous vote of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Secretary

President