

April 20, 2023

The Rusk County Emergency Service District #1 met on this date at 6:50 p.m. with Board President David Burks presiding. Board Members present were Brian Bathke, Gloria Dooley, Jiffy Dukes and Wayne Griffith. The meeting was opened with a prayer from Patrick Dooley followed by the pledge to the American flag.

A roll call of departments present was recorded as follows: Carlisle, Church Hill, Crims Chapel, Eastside, Elderville, Henderson, Rusk County Rescue, Laneville, Mt. Enterprise, New London, New Salem, Overton, Reklaw and Tatum. Departments recorded as absent were: Texas Forest Service, Garrison, 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 was then presented to the Board for their consideration and approval by Board Administrative Assistant Jeanine Rounsavall. She reported a beginning balance in the District's checking account in the amount of \$474,799.05 and after deposits and disbursements, an ending balance in the amount of \$680,699.96; the General Money Market account showed a beginning balance in the amount of \$1,687,094.36 with one withdrawal in the amount of \$55,708.00 and interest earned in the amount of \$3,610.17, for an ending balance in the amount of \$1,634,996.53; the Reserve Money Market account showed a beginning balance in the amount of \$32,841.74, with interest earned in the amount of \$72.21, for an ending balance in the amount of \$32,913.95; and the Obligations Money Market account showed a beginning balance in the amount of \$542,019.16, with interest earned in the amount of \$1,191.70, for an ending balance in the amount of \$543,210.86. Also included with the report was a budget versus actual, profit and loss versus actual and department breakdown as well as reconciliations on all accounts. On a motion made by Board Member Brian Bathke, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith, the financial report was approved as presented by a unanimous vote of the Board.

The payment of bills was then presented to the Board for their consideration and approval by Board Administrative Assistant Jeanine Rounsavall. She read aloud all checks written during the month and there were no questions or discussion. On a motion made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith, the payment of bills was approved with a unanimous vote of the Board.

Under Old Business the only item was to consider, discuss and possibly approve any pending items regarding the remodel of the training facility. Board Member Gloria Dooley reported that duct work was being done as well as plumbing. Board Member Brian Bathke reported that all of the dirt work was completed in preparation of the fencing. Board Member Jiffy Dukes asked that the electrical boxes for the power for the fence gates be moved back so they would be

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inside of the fence line as he hadn't allowed for that when the boxes had been installed. Board Member Brian Bathke will contact Blazer Electric and have that done. Board Member Gloria Dooley asked that all Board Members be prepared at the May meeting to have ideas on what the signage out at the road should look like so that plans could be made to have this done. No action taken on any items.

Under New Business the first item was to consider and possibly approve a cost share with the Carlisle VFD for the purchase of a Lifeline CPR device. A motion to approve the cost share 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. Cost to the department would be \$4,087.50 payable upon receipt of the device.

The next item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve extra coax purchased from Deaton Communications to be used at the training facility. A motion to approve the extra coax 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 next item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve a workshop or special meeting to arrive at a commitment regarding radios for the District. A motion to set a workshop meeting for May 2nd at 5:30 p.m. was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve budget amendments for other revenue received in 2023 from the sale of property on Hwy 259. Board Treasurer Dooley explained that the revenue from the sale would be reflected in the budget in the equipment purchases account and the fire marshal account. A motion to approve the budget amendments was made by Board Member Brian Bathke, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve reimbursement to the Tatum VFD for the purchase of replacement wildland boots in the amount of \$1,165.00. A motion to approve the reimbursement was made by Board Member Brian Bathke, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve the cost of replacement helmets that have expired for the Crims Chapel VFD at a cost of \$2,580.00 (freight not included in quote). A motion to approve the cost, including freight, was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Brian Bathke. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The last item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve the cost of 2

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replacement cylinders for the Laneville VFD at a cost of \$2,330.00, freight not included in the quote. A motion to approve the cost, plus cost of freight, was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board with Board Member Jiffy Dukes abstaining from the vote.

As there were no public comments or announcements, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Brian Bathke. On a unanimous vote of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Secretary

President