

April 18, 2024

The Rusk County Emergency Services District #1 met on this date at 7:02 p.m. with Board President David Burks presiding. Board Members present were Brian Bathke, Jiffy Dukes, Wayne Griffith and Gloria Dooley. The meeting was opened with a prayer from Don Reynolds followed by the pledge to the American flag.

The Board President then moved directly to Old Business with the first item to consider, discuss and possibly approve any pending items regarding the remodel of the training facility. Board Member Gloria Dooley reported that the Board's rezoning application had not made it on the city council's April meeting agenda but had been assured it would be on the May 14th meeting agenda; to add one curb on the south side of the building would be an additional \$4,000; that the electrical work on the storage building had come to \$2,274.77; a brief discussion on the pros and cons of having a dumpster was held and it was agreed not to have one; a date of Tuesday, April 23rd was agreed upon for a walk thru on the building starting at 5:30 p.m. A motion was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith, to pay for the electrical work and set the date for the walk thru (curb work will be put on hold for now). The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The next item under Old Business was an update on the grille for the building. Board Member Jiffy Dukes reported that the Henderson High School was willing to build the grille and it would be 60" x 24" ¼" steel and had a picture with the specs on it for the Board to review. A motion to approve the build with a cost not to exceed \$5,000 was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Brian Bathke. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next item under Old Business was to consider and possibly approve naming the training room at the new facility the "Pat Owens and Jim White Training Room". The Rusk County Firefighters Association had also recommended that this room be dedicated in the memory of these two Rusk County fire chiefs. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The last item under Old Business was to consider and possibly approve new specification for the asphalt bid on the parking lot at the facility. The Board reviewed the Bid proposal packet presented and prepared by certified civil engineer Neil Holland. A motion to approve the bid proposal packet with revisions to the generator area, ramp area and any other minor areas 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. Board Member Jiffy Dukes will meet with Mr. Holland within the week and also arrange for concrete bids for the curbs and parking pad as well as cost to seal coat the entire parking area after work completion.

The first item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve setting a date for a District Vehicle Workshop. After a brief discussion, the date of April 25th at 5:30 p.m. was agreed upon with pizza to be provided to all present by the ESD. A motion to approve the date was

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made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board. A vehicle inventory and run analysis report will be emailed to all Board Members prior to the meeting.

The next item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve reimbursement to the Laneville VFD for repairs to brush truck 505 in the amount of \$2,790.24. Tina Dukes presented the request and the necessary repair bills and check copies. 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 majority vote with Board Member Jiffy Dukes abstaining.

The next item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve reimbursement to the Laneville VFD for 2 new air cylinders at a cost of \$2,491.00 (included in their 2024 budget). 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 majority vote with Board Member Jiffy Dukes abstaining.

The next item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve payment to the Carlisle VFD for 2 sets of tires for both of their tenders at a cost of \$10,600.00. The Board heard the request from Jeff Harmon and agreed that the tires on both units had to be replaced for safety reasons. A motion to pay the cost with a direct payment to the vendor was made by Board Member Brian Bathke, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The next item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve a cost share with the Rusk County Fire and Rescue unit for 4 sets of water rescue kits. Assistant Chief Craig Christian presented the request and answered all questions from the Board. A motion to do a cost share of \$5,100.00 was made by Board Member Brian Bathke, and duly seconded by Board Member Gloria Dooley. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The last item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve upgrades to the dispatch system necessitated by the implementation of the 7/800 radio system. The Board reviewed two quotes and after a brief discussion agreed on the quote from Nalcom in the amount of \$8,450.00 (freight to be paid by the ESD). A motion to approve the Nalcom quote was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

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As there were no public comments or announcements, a motion to adjourn 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 8:05 p.m.

Secretary

President