

GRIMES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

OCTOBER 22, 2020

1. President Tim Akers called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm at Fire Station #1
 - a. Commissioners present: Bob Leiper, Kyle Braswell, Tim Akers. Byron Kay, and Alec Pointer (newly appointed member of ESD board).
2. Invocation given by Braswell
3. Recognition of Citizens: Kathy Wendt
4. Open forum: None
5. Minutes of the September 16 meeting were read. Motion to accept by Kay, second by Akers. Carried 5-0.
6. The treasurer reported that the ESD had a balance of \$51,870.96 in the ESD bank account as of 9/30/2020. The significant reduction from the August report is payment to Skeeter for the fire truck build and the catch up payment to the IVFD. There is a pending deposit and a pending payment of GCAD tax revenue of \$186.03 resulting in a draft balance of \$52,056.99 on 10/15/2020. Motion to approve report by Braswell with second by Pointer. Carried 5-0.

The ESD received the certified value for the City of Garland Power and Light PILOT. We received a notice of a tax abatement proposed by the county. This will be added to a future agenda for discussion. We received the certified tax role for 2020 taxes of \$428,246,346 with a taxable value of \$421,373,575. 100% collection will result in tax income of \$112,229.59 for the ESD.

7. There were no questions on the IVFD financial statements.
8. The Fire Chief reported that the IVFD had 11 runs September. They currently have 12 active members, 3 inactive members, and 2 prospective members. Members will vote on the two prospective members at the next business meeting. The IVFD is not meeting in October due to 2 – 3 members dealing with Covid 19. The infected members are

coming through the infection OK. They will meet again in November. Commissioners Court sent the new contract to the IVFD. Each fire department will have their own contract, but they are all the same. The Fire Chief will send the contract to the ESD board members. The IVFD received a bill for \$18,909 for insurance. The bill will be paid from county and ESD funds. The graphics for the new truck have been received and are ready for application.

9. The ESD approved the 2020 Tax Roll in conjunction with the Tax Assessment/Collection agreement with the Grimes County CAD authorizing quarterly payments of \$783 and a yearly maximum of \$3,132. Moved by Leiper and second by Kay. Carried 5-0.
10. The Treasurer proposed a \$6,000 monthly payment to the IVFD. Akers moved to approve payment and Braswell seconded. Carried 5-0. Kathy Wendt discussed maintenance required at the helipad. She will email an invoice for \$1,500 to Leiper for payment. Leiper moved to approve payment, second by Kay. Carried 5-0. Morriss will work to get the helipad power washed, and Akers will try to get the FFA members to work on the helipad as a community project.
11. Motion to adjourn at 7:57 pm by Kay, second by Akers. Carried 5-0.