

GRIMES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

August 19, 2021

1. President Tim Akers called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at Fire Station #1
 - a. Commissioners present: Bob Leiper, Kyle Braswell, and Tim Akers.
2. Invocation given by Braswell
3. Recognition of citizens: None
4. Open forum: None
5. Minutes of the July 15 meeting were read. Motion to approve with corrections by Leiper and second by Braswell. Carried 3-0.
6. The Treasurer reported that the ESD had a balance of \$134092.07 in the bank account as of 7/31/2021, and there are no outstanding checks. Motion to approve report by Braswell, second by Akers. Carried 3-0.
7. The bookkeeper continues working on the IVFD financial statements, and they are up to date through April. They were to be presented tonight, but the printer failed, so they are not available. The IVFD Chief feels confident they are well on the way to having all of the financial records correct and up to date.
8. The Fire Chief reported that the IVFD has 19 members with 5 inactive, and they will be receiving 2 new members next month. They had 7 runs in July. The Tahoe is ready to be picked up, and the ESD should make out the check to the Eastex FWY VFD. The SCBA compressor had been out for multiple months and is running now. The air sample failed by 1 point on moisture. The IVFD was instructed to let the compressor run for a while and re-check the air. The compressor was run and the air will be re-sampled. Live interior burn training will be conducted at a local house next week. The Grimes County contract with the IVFD is coming to the department for signature. The Chief does not plan to make any changes this year, but he is getting contracts from other VFDs to study and consider changes next year. About \$3400 in communication equipment including

new radios, pagers, and chargers is needed. The ESD reminded the Chief that if ESD funds are to be used, the purchases need to be from a vendor on the Buy Board.

9. Jessi Murphy, Grimes County Auditor, and Jennifer Henk, Grimes County Assistant Auditor reviewed the ESD 2019 and 2020 Grimes County financial audit report and their recommendations. No financial discrepancies were noted.
10. The ESD Treasurer reviewed the ESD tax rate proposal for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The current tax rate is .026626. Because of higher property values in the county, the treasurer proposed reducing the tax rate to .026558 to stay within the Voter Approval Rate guidelines. Motion to approve the proposal by Leiper and second by Braswell. Carried 3-0.
11. The Treasurer proposed the public hearing to adopt the proposed tax rate and a new ESD budget to be at 7:00 on September 16. Akers moved to approve the proposal, and Leiper seconded. Carried 3-0.
12. The Treasurer presented one invoice of \$595 to Victoria Web Design for the ESD web hosting. Motion to approve the payment by Akers and second by Leiper. Carried 3-0.
13. Motion to adjourn at 7:46 by Braswell and second by Akers. Carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Braswell