

# GRIMES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 2021

1. President Tim Akers called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm at Fire Station #1
  - a. Commissioners present: Bob Leiper, Kyle Braswell, Alec Pointer, and Tim Akers.
2. Invocation given by Braswell
3. Recognition of citizens: None
4. Open forum: None
5. Minutes of the May 20 meeting were read. Motion to approve by Leiper and second by Pointer. Carried 4-0.
6. The Treasurer reported that the ESD had a balance of \$131698.84 in the bank account as of 5/31/2021, and there are no outstanding checks. Motion to approve report by Braswell, second by Akers. Carried 4-0.
7. IVFD financial statements were not presented. The new bookkeeper is working on them. She has bank statements from two banks through April, but she does not have all of the receipts to verify the expenses. The IVFD Treasurer said she gave all of the receipts to the bookkeeper, but the IVFD President knows other receipts for expenses have been submitted and paid but not given to the bookkeeper. The IVFD Treasurer has access to the Anderson bank account records, but other IVFD board members do not, so they are not able to get this information yet for the bookkeeper. The IVFD Chief and President are working to resolve this issue. Nothing seems to be fraudulent, but the IVFD needs to resolve these issues and get the accounting books updated as quickly as possible to protect the financial status of the department. The ESD will continue to withhold monthly payments to the IVFD until the accounting records are updated and reviewed with the ESD but told the Chief and President to notify them if funds are needed for something, and the ESD will pay the vendor directly.

8. The Fire Chief reported that the IVFD had 16 runs in May – 6 medical, 2 fires, 3 road hazards, 2 accidents, and 3 miscellaneous. Current membership remains at 19. One member was removed, and one new member was added. There are 5 of inactive members, and one new member applicant. Three members currently plan to attend the A&M fire school, and there may be more. The St Joseph EMT training will start Monday 6/21/21 and will be conducted at IVFD Station #1. The training will continue through November. One quote has been received for the new truck bed, and Chief is waiting on more. The car show was larger than expected, and the IVFD received \$350 from the 50/50 raffle. A couple of the chainsaws went down and will be repaired.

The bookkeeper suggested to the IVFD president to consider sales tax funds to pay for a future new station. It would need to be reviewed with the county judge for his agreement before putting on the November ballot. The president will research this more and make an official recommendation at the July ESD meeting.

The chief has an offer on a used Tahoe that has emergency lights and other additions that make it a much better vehicle for the IVFD than the one purchased a couple years ago. It also has significantly fewer miles and is in better condition. He will make a proposal to use ESD funds for the purchase at the July ESD meeting.

9. The Treasurer presented one invoice of \$90.50 for file folders and stamps. The treasurer recommended we continue to not pay the IVFD their monthly support payment until they present their financials for review. Move to approve by Akers and second by Pointer. Carried 4-0.
10. Motion to adjourn at 7:57 by Braswell and second by Leiper. Carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted

Kyle Braswell