

GRIMES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

May 20, 2021

1. Vice President Kyle Braswell called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm at Fire Station #1
 - a. Commissioners present: Bob Leiper, Byron Kay, Alec Pointer, and Kyle Braswell.
2. Invocation given by Leiper
3. Recognition of citizens: None
4. Open forum: None
5. Minutes of the April 22 meeting were read. Motion to approve by Leiper and second by Kay. Carried 4-0.
6. The Treasurer reported that the ESD had a balance of \$130335.62 in the bank account as of 4/30/2021, and there are no outstanding checks. Motion to approve report by Kay, second by Pointer. Carried 4-0. Treasurer reported that he has completed rebuilding the financial books per the audit recommendations. The auditor is auditing 2019 and 2020 now and should be complete in 60 – 90 days.
7. IVFD financial statements were not presented because the treasurer was not available. This is the third month in a row that the IVFD did not have financials to present. They have contacted a book keeper to keep their books. She was scheduled to come to the last IVFD business meeting but did not make the meeting because of bad weather. The Chief will meet with her soon so she can start building their financial records. Quick Books has not been updated since 1/26/2021.
8. The Fire Chief reported that the IVFD had 6 runs in April, 2 fires, 3 accidents, and 1 medical. Current membership is at 19 with 5 of them inactive. One inactive member will be released this weekend. The IVFD completed the first round of basic first aid training with two more to be conducted. The St Joseph EMT training will start 6/22/21. Dates are set for this year for the Texas A&M Fire School. The IVFD is discussing to see who will attend. The Chief will be picking up the title for the fire truck from the City of

Bryan FD and will add it to the IVFD insurance policy. The Chief is getting quotes for a new bed for the Dodge fire truck to improve safety of fire fighting from the truck. The IVFD is looking to replace the doors and frames at both the Lola and Keith fire stations. The IVFD will participate in the 50/50 raffle at the car and bike show on 6/12. Radios need to be purchased for the truck from the Bryan FD. The chief is still looking for super single tires for the Skeeter firetruck to improve off-road performance. Supply is difficult due to Covid.

The ESD stated that we need space to store ESD records at the Lola fire station. The Lola Community Center will sponsor fireworks on July 4th and would like the IVFD to provide traffic management and emergency fire support. There was discussion that the ESD and IVFD need to develop on long term strategic plan for providing fire protection to the community as the community continues to grow.

9. The Treasurer had no invoices to present but still needs to get some office supplies to have files better aligned with the audit recommendations. 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 Leiper and second by Pointer. Carried 4-0.
10. Motion to adjourn at 7:56 by Kay and second by Leiper. Carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted

Kyle Braswell