

GRIMES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

September 16, 2021

1. President Tim Akers called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at Fire Station #1
 - a. Commissioners present: Alec Pointer, Byron Kay, Kyle Braswell, and Tim Akers.
2. Invocation given by Braswell
3. Recognition of citizens: None
4. Open forum: None
5. Minutes of the August 19 meeting were read. Motion to approve by Akers and second by Kay. Carried 4-0.
6. The President reported that the ESD had a balance of \$134,838.01 in the bank account as of 8/31/2021 with outstanding checks totaling \$10,595.00. Motion to approve report by Braswell, second by Pointer. Carried 4-0.
7. The IVFD reported that they have not heard anything new from the bookkeeper. The books are up-to-date through April, and they believe she has everything from May on to get them fully up-to-date. The IVFD profit and loss statement shows no gross profit except for one month. The IVFD will check to be sure it is correct. The IVFD has not been receiving any county funds until recently because they did not submit the qualifications to reach Tier 1. They did not have all the certifications from members necessary to upload to qualify for Tier 1 funding. They uploaded the certifications earlier this year and received 2 checks this fiscal year. Because of qualifications of some new members, they should be able to move up a tier this new fiscal year which began 10/1/2021. The IVFD had issues with use of debit card earlier, but they changed the by-laws to make the requirements for quick submittal of receipts more stringent. Only two people have a debit card.
8. The IVFD president reported that they have 21 members with 5 inactive, and they had 8 runs in August. The Tahoe is in service. The live fire training was a great success. The IVFD needs to purchase 10 reflective vests and two 18" stop and slow signs for traffic

control. The Grimes County Fire Fighters Association is officially dissolving, and the IVFD will receive about \$2,700 from the bank account and land sale. The IVFD has been notified scheduling their audit. They will be working the Haunted House and handing out candy on 10/31. They will also be working the Hay Day parade on 10/9. The IVFD wants to get a good start on their 2022 fundraiser scheduled for 3/11-12/22, so they formed a committee and will start work next week. Radio station Maverick 100.9 will broadcast from the event.

9. President Akers convened a public hearing on the ESD's proposed 2021/2022 budget. The ESD President reviewed the budget. There were no public comments, and the public hearing was adjourned.
10. Braswell moved to approve the 2021/2022 budget and second by Kay. Carried 4-0.
11. President Akers convened a public hearing on the ESD's proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021. The ESD President reviewed the proposed tax rate of \$0.026558/\$100. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 8.21% and will raise taxes for Maintenance and Operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$-0.07. There were no public comments, and the hearing was adjourned.
12. The commissioners adopted a 2021 tax rate that will raise more taxes for Maintenance and Operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 8.21% and will raise taxes for Maintenance and Operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$-0.07. Commissioners voting for the resolution were Kyle Braswell, Byron Kay, Alec Pointer, and Tim Akers.
13. There were no invoices presented for review.
14. Motion to adjourn at 7:38 by Braswell and second by Pointer. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Braswell