

GRIMES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

August 17, 2023

1. President Akers called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at Fire Station #1
 - a. Commissioners present: Tim Akers, Bob Leiper, and Kyle Braswell
2. Invocation given by Braswell.
3. Recognition of citizens: None
4. Open forum: None
5. July ESD meeting minutes were not available and will be reviewed at the September meeting.
6. The Treasurer reported that the ESD had a balance of \$223,046.08 on the bank account statement with no outstanding checks as of 7/31/2023. Motion to approve report by Braswell with second by Akers. Motion carried 3-0.
7. IVFD financial reports for May, June, and July were mailed to ESD commissioners prior to the meeting. There were no questions on the reports. Commissioners preferred the format of the July mailing over the May and June mailings. The IVFD may use DropBox for future financial reporting to the ESD.
8. The IVFD reported that membership is at 7 active responders, 2 associates, 1 on leave of absence, and 1 who has not attended in a while. The department had 11 calls in July. One member attended the TEEX annual training. The Chief will schedule a walk through at Rolligon, the solar farm, and the new gas well company next to Twin Oaks Landfill. The fire station #2 work has been completed. There are a couple more items that will be requested to be done there. The IVFD appointed a training coordinator and a new secretary/treasurer. The IVFD participated in the first day back to school and will work with the kindergarten class next month.
9. The IVFD is waiting on a quote for new nozzles selected based on the field training completed at the King Oaks pavilion pond last month. They presented a request and quote of \$5,454 for 18 sections of new 1 3/4" combat ready hose to replace current hoses that are unserviceable. Move

to approve by Leiper with second by Braswell. Motion carried 3-0. The department needs to upgrade their radios. Motorola no longer supports them, and not having all radios of the same frequency type causes communication issues. There are also multiple areas where the radios do not have good signal. The department presented a quote of \$83,651 from Motorola for a complete new system with 8 radios. There was discussion that the IVFD needs to consider and prioritize future equipment needs because this purchase would reduce capital/major repair funds available in 2025. After discussion, there was agreement within the IVFD that the radios are their highest prioritized need, and they feel good about the status of equipment given the recent and pending replacement of bunker gear, hoses, extractor, and other equipment. Motion to approve \$83,651 for purchase of a new radio system and radios by Leiper and second by Braswell. Motion approved 3-0. The IVFD is working to receive several different grants.

10. The ESD treasurer presented bills for \$595 for ESD webpage management and \$12.28 to Leiper for keys for the new office. He also presented a \$7500 payment to the IVFD for the June, July, and August operating stipend. Payment for June and July was delayed at the July ESD meeting until the IVFD financial statements were mailed to ESD commissioners and reviewed at the August meeting. Motion to approve by Leiper and second by Akers. Motion carried 3-0.
11. The treasurer presented a proposed 2023-24 ESD budget. The treasurer will revise the budget based on tonight's discussion and present for approval at the September ESD meeting.
12. The treasurer proposed a 2023 ESD tax rate of \$0.018334/\$100, which is the voter-approval tax rate. This tax rate will be voted on at the September ESD meeting.
13. The ESD set the date, time, and place for the public hearing on the budget – 7:00 pm on September 21 at the IVFD Fire Station #1.
14. The ESD set the date, time, and place for approving the 2023 ESD tax rate – 7:00 pm on September 21 at the IVFD Fire Station #1.
15. Motion to adjourn at 8:28 by Akers and second by Leiper. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Braswell

Vice President, Grimes County ESD #1