

GRIMES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
September 19, 2024

1. President Kyle called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm at Fire Station 1.
  - a. Commissioners present: Bob, Kyle, Mac and Billy
2. Invocation given by Bob.
3. Recognition of citizens: Mike, Joanne and Anna Montgomery, JC and Christy Marshall.
4. Open forum: All visitors here were to support the Iola VFD and ESD1.
5. Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. Motion by to accept by Bob, second by Kyle, motion carried 4-0.
6. Reviewed the Treasurers report stating that the balance of the bank account as of August 31, 2024 is \$196,077.94. Motion by to accept by Kyle, second by Mac, motion carried 4-0
7. IVFD financial statements for August 2024 were reviewed. No questions.
8. The IVFD report
  - a. Mike Butler and Andrew were present.
  - b. There are 9 active members, one is out on leave.
  - c. Calls last month were 12.
  - d. One firefighter is going to Bastrop for training.
  - e. No haunted house this year due to lack of participation.
  - f. Getting bids on the air conditioner for IVFD firehouse to repair or replace.
  - g. Working on replacing photocells in all outside lights of the fire station.
  - h. In process of installing drop down electrical plugs for all engines.
  - i. Replacing door seals on bottoms of all roll up doors.
  - j. Looking at possible delivery of new fire truck from Teex in November.
  - k. New structure helmets purchased are now in service.
9. Discuss investing Grimes County ESD1 funds in CD
  - a. Bob suggests using 6 month certificates and staggering every 2 months.
  - b. Billy suggested that if we use a 1 year CD we get our best return but ties up funds too long
  - c. Will take action at the next meeting
10. Discuss estimated sales tax revenue information

- a. Reviewed results of HdL sales tax recommendations.
  - b. Need to meet with Grimes County judge on actions but want to wait until after November elections. (Kyle and Bob to meet)
11. Property proposed tax rate for 2024-2025
- a. No public comment.
  - b. Public meeting closed at 7:45 pm
12. Discuss and take action on the ESD1 proposed tax rate for 2024
- a. Motion setting this year's tax rate 2024-2025
  - b. Motion was made by Bob to adopt the 2024-2025 tax rate. "I move that the tax rate to be increased by the adoption of a rate of 0.017285, which is effectively a 8.07 percent increase in the tax rate. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEARS TAX RATE .THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 8.00 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-1.05."
  - c. The motion was seconded by Kyle .Motion carried 4-0
13. Discuss and take action regarding approval of IVFD equipment purchases, bills and invoices for payment.
- a. \$3,500.00 monthly billing. Motion by Kyle, second by Billy, motion carried 4-0.
  - b. Andrew brought up future purchases for JD who was not present.
    - i. Looking to upgrade present compressor to refill air pacs (present compressor is a non-working machine) at an estimated \$74,416.00.
    - ii. Looking to purchase 4500 PSI air pacs, in need of 12 total packs and 12 secondary bottles. Purchase price per air pac is \$12,270.00 plus 12 backup bottles.
14. The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2024.
- a. Motion to adjourn by Kyle, second by Billy, motion carried 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mac McBride  
Secretary, Grimes County ESD #1