

December 15, 2022

The Rusk County Emergency Service District #1 met on this date at 7:07 p.m. with Board Vice President Brian Bathke presiding. Board Members present were Gloria Dooley, Jiffy Dukes and Wayne Griffith. Board Members absent were David Burks. The meeting was opened with a prayer from Jeremy Bozeman followed by the pledge to the American flag.

A roll call of departments present was recorded as follows: Carlisle, Church Hill, Crims Chapel, Eastside, Elderville, Texas Forest Service, Garrison, Henderson, Rusk County Rescue, Kilgore Rescue, Laneville, New London, New Salem, Reklaw and Tatum. Departments recorded as absent were: Kilgore, Mt. Enterprise and Overton.

The minutes of the previous meetings were then presented to the Board for their consideration and approval as emailed. On a motion made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith, the minutes were approved as emailed by a unanimous vote of the Board.

The financial report was then presented to the Board for their consideration and approval by Board Administrative Assistant Jeanine Rounsavall. She reported a beginning balance in the District's checking account in the amount of \$472,093.91 and after disbursements and deposits, an ending balance in the amount of \$389,399.31; the General Money Market account had a beginning balance in the amount of \$1,561,982.52 with interest in the amount of \$2,792.31, for an ending balance in the amount of \$1,564,774.83; the Reserve Money Market account had a beginning balance in the amount of \$32,586.51, with interest earned in the amount of \$58.25, for an ending balance in the amount of \$32,644.76; and the Obligations Money Market account had a beginning balance of \$55,345.21, with interest earned in the amount of \$98.93, for an ending balance in the amount of \$55,444.14. Also included with the report was a budget versus actual, department breakdown, profit and loss versus actual and reconciliations on all accounts. On a motion made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith, the financial report was approved as read with a unanimous vote.

The payment of bills was then presented to the Board for their consideration and approval by Board Administrative Jeanine Rounsavall. She read aloud all checks written during the month and there were no questions or discussion. On a motion made by Board Member Wayne Griffith, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, the Board approved the payment of bills with a unanimous vote.

The first item under Old Business was to consider, discuss and possibly approve any pending items regarding the remodel of the training facility. As there were no items that needed action, the Board moved on to the second agenda item under Old Business.

The next agenda item was to consider and possibly approve Resolution Regarding Financing Agreement for the Purpose of Financing the Remodel Construction of a Training and Meeting Facility. On a motion made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member

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Wayne Griffith, the Board approved the Financing Agreement with a unanimous vote.

The Board then went to the Supplemental Agenda regarding the 2023 Sales Tax Election. First item on the agenda was to discuss and consider approval of the Order Calling Election to Adopt a Local Sales and Use Tax within the District for May 6, 2023. On a motion made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Gloria Dooley, the Order was approved with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The next item was to discuss and consider approval of the Resolution Authorizing Secretary's Appointment of Agent to Perform Duties during Election Period. On a motion made by Wayne Griffith, and duly seconded by Jiffy Dukes, the Resolution was approved with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The next item was to discuss and consider approval of an Order Adopting and Implementing the Use of Voting Systems in Addition to Paper Ballots in District Elections. On a motion made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith, the Order was approved with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The next item was to discuss and consider approval of contract for election services with Rusk County. On a motion made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith, the Board approved the contract for election services with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The next item was to authorize District's Attorney to give Notice of Election for May 6, 2023. A motion to approve the authorization was made by Board Member Wayne Griffith, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The last item under the Supplemental Agenda was to discuss and consider adoption of an election calendar and consider any other matters in connection with the District's May 6, 2023 election. A motion to adopt the calendar was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The first item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve dual certified gear for the Fire Marshal in the amount of \$2,100.00. A motion to approve the gear was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board, and with Board Member Gloria Dooley abstaining.

The next item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve payment to Siddons-Martin for repairs to the Carlisle VFD 2016 pumper in the total amount of \$2,206.87. A motion to pay the invoice was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board

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Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The last item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve the election of ESD Officers for 2023. Board Member Gloria Dooley made a suggestion to re-elect the same slate of officers as the previous year. A motion to re-elect the same slate was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board. Officers will be David Burks, President; Brian Bathke, Vice President; Gloria Dooley, Secretary/Treasurer; and Jiffy Dukes, Assistant Treasurer.

Under public comments Board Member Dooley told the departments about the Special Needs event held by the Overton VFD. They had held a meet, greet, and picture taking event at their station for special needs children in their area and it was suggested that next year maybe some of the other stations could do the same so that we could reach out to all of these children and their families over the holiday season. Eastside VFD announced that they would be coming to the ESD Board for a cost share on a Lucas type device after the first of the year.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. On a unanimous vote of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Secretary

President