

# GRIMES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1

## MINUTES OF REGUAR MEETING

June 18, 2020

1. President Tim Akers called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm at Fire Station #1
  - a. Commissioners present: Bob Leiper, Kyle Braswell, and Tim Akers
2. Invocation given by Braswell
3. Recognition of Citizens: None
4. Open forum: None
5. Minutes of the May 21 meeting were read. Motion to accept with changes by Braswell, second by Leiper. Carried 3-0
6. Treasurer reported that we had a balance of \$205,037.66 in the ESD bank account as of 5/31/2020. We received the \$2380.64 check from Garland Power and Light. It has been deposited and it is reflected in the 6/17/2020 draft balance of \$208,013.69. The treasurer also stated that he believes that we should have a CPA/Bookkeeper keep the ESD financials and that he will look for an appropriate agency. Motion to approve report by Leiper with second by Braswell. Carried 3-0.
7. The IVFD reported that they have partially reconstructed the financial records that were stolen. The ESD and Donations accounts have been financially reconciled with the bank accounts through May. The County account has been financially reconciled through March, and the IVFD is working on April and May. The IVFD will ask for ESD to resume funding when the reports are completely rebuilt with receipts/details from December on. The ESD asked the IVFD to provide more detail around the purpose of expenditures of ESD funds in future reports. The IVFD said that they also are considering use of a CPA or Bookkeeping agency to manage financials. Leiper will look for an appropriate agency to handle the financial books for the ESD and the IVFD.
8. The IVFD reported they have 14 members and had 13 runs in May. Covid 19 is preventing major training like fire school and municipal training, but they are getting

back to monthly training. The IVFD will receive a Forest Service grant to cover 90% of radio equipment cost up to \$20,000. They plan to use ESD funds to purchase \$14,600 worth of radio equipment now and then refund 90% of the cost back to the ESD account after receiving the grant money. The IVFD used ESD funds to purchase \$33,000 worth of bunker gear last fall. The IVFD will ask the county to use \$15,000 of their funds to partially reimburse their ESD account. They also intend to reimburse the ESD account for half of their insurance cost. Leiper reminded the IVFD that they must use competitive bidding or purchase from a vendor on the Buy Board when using ESD funds.

9. Leiper reported a bill of \$158.13 for taking the new IVFD truck to Skeeter and \$35.00 for a Safe-D webmeeting. Move to approve by Leiper and second by Akers. Carried 3-0.
10. Motion to adjourn at 8:09 by Leiper and second by Akers. Carried 3-0.