

GRIMES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

March 17, 2022

1. President Akers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at Fire Station #1
 - a. Commissioners present: Bob Leiper, Kyle Braswell, and Tim Akers
2. Invocation given by Akers
3. Recognition of citizens: None
4. Open forum: None
5. Minutes of the February 23 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Leiper with second by Akers. Motion approved 3-0.
6. The Treasurer reported that the ESD had a balance of \$208,185.99 in the bank account as of 2/28/2022. Revising the balance for an outstanding \$902.50 check yields a reconciled bank balance of \$207,283.49. Motion to approve report by Braswell with second by Akers. Motion carried 3-0.
7. The IVFD presented their financial statements. The bookkeeper has not been keeping the books and has not been in contact with the FD. Kelli prepared the February financial report and emailed to the ESD commissioners this afternoon, but none of the commissioners had received the email. The report was reviewed and in order.
8. The IVFD reported that they have 14 active and 4 inactive members and had 17 calls in February. Tanker truck 234 is not built correctly for fire service. It is black iron and is rusting. There is a potential option for a used pumper/tanker truck. There is training this weekend with the Shiro VFD. A grant will reimburse the training expense. A three day training is scheduled in April at the Woodlands Fire Training Academy. 4 personnel will be attending. The training will be very vigorous and include live fire, forceful entry, LPG, residential fire ops, rescue, stairway hose advance, fire behavior, and other training. The training is about \$250 per person. The financial results are not known yet, but the BBQ cook-off fundraiser seems to have been a success. There were 52 teams, and the turnout for the crawfish dinner and dance was good considering the weather.

They sold out at the fish fry on Saturday, but the auction was a little smaller. The IVFD plans to purchase some wild land tools to have the same tools across all the trucks. They have a quote of \$2500 to compound and buff the cab of the truck received recently from Bryan, and a new deck gun is needed for the truck. The new designed patches have been ordered. They plan to spend about \$4000 to standardize radios. Another FD is donating some excess tools to the IVFD.

9. The ESD discussed a proposal to pay the \$2500 per month in Operations payments that have been withheld from the IVFD waiting for financial reporting to be improved. The total is \$15,000. The \$2500 per month payments would continue as long as financial reporting continued to meet standards. Rather than monthly payments for equipment and quarterly payments for training, the ESD would pay the charges directly or reimburse the IVFD as expenses occur. The purpose of the ESD is to help raise the ability of the IVFD above and beyond basic requirements. This proposal would provide more visibility to that end. A concern was raised about how this proposal would impact the IVFD ability to respond to emergency or short notice expenses. The ESD stated that with proper planning, this should not be an issue and that an ESD meeting can be called with one hour notice for emergency reasons. Move to approve the proposal by Leiper and second by Braswell. Motion carried 3-0.
10. There were no ESD bills or expenses to approve.
11. Motion to adjourn at 8:29 by Akers and second by Braswell. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Braswell

Vice President, Grimes County ESD #1