

GRIMES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 20, 2023

1. President Akers called the meeting to order at 7:05 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. Minutes of the February meeting were reviewed since there was no March meeting. Motion to approve by Leiper with second by Akers. Motion approved 3-0.
6. The Treasurer reported that the ESD had a balance of \$184,545.86 in the bank account as of 2/28/2023 with no outstanding checks and a balance of \$232,874.47 in the bank account on 3/31/23 with no outstanding checks. Motion to approve reports by Braswell with second by Akers. Motion carried 3-0.
7. The IVFD presented their February and March financial statements and answered several questions from the ESD. All entries were found to be in order.
8. The IVFD reported that membership was at 14 in January and February and 12 in March after two members resigned. They had 3 calls in January, 4 in February, and 7 in March. The BBQ fundraiser had 33 teams and brought in a little over \$20,000 after expenses. Wildland training for Grimes County fire departments will be May 27, but no location has been set yet. The IVFD purchased forcible entry training props under a training grant. New LED lighting has been installed in the station. The IVFD received a request from the county this week for an annual audit for 21/22. The department needs to get Roxane bonded for secretary/treasurer. The IVFD membership approved significantly revised by-laws, and they will now be sent to the appraisal district.
9. The IVFD presented a bill for \$3976.00 to convert Engine 235 lighting to LED lights. Bunker gear needs to be purchased for each responder at about \$3000 per set. The current sets are 5 years old. Current sets will be sent for cleaning and repair. Helmets

are coming up on their service date and will cost about \$500 each for new ones. The ESD will purchase an extractor and then be refunded from the grant to IVFD. The low bid for the office for the ESD is \$8,017.50. The IVFD presented a bid to construct a bathroom, shower, etc. at Station 2 and is awaiting a quote for the bunker gear. Motion by Leiper to approve \$3976 for LED lights on Engine 235, \$8017.50 for the ESD office, and \$18051 for the Station 2 work with second by Akers. Motion carried 3-0.

10. The ESD treasurer presented the March and April monthly \$2500 IVFD payment for approval. He also presented a \$632.38 bill for Braswell's travel to and attendance at the Safe-D conference. Motion to approve by Akers and second by Leiper. Motion carried 3-0.

11. Motion to adjourn at 7:59 by Akers and second by Braswell. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Braswell

Vice President, Grimes County ESD #1