

GRIMES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

January 19, 2023

1. President Akers called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at Fire Station #1
 - a. Commissioners present: Tim Akers, Bob Leiper, Alec Pointer, and Kyle Braswell
2. Invocation given by Braswell.
3. Recognition of citizens: None
4. Open forum: None
5. Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve with corrections by Braswell and second by Pointer. Carried 4-0
6. The Treasurer reported that the ESD had a reconciled balance of \$132,001.38 in the bank account as of 12/31/2022. Subtracting four outstanding checks totaling \$13,795.51 yields a reconciled balance of \$118,205.87. Motion to approve report by Braswell with second by Pointer. Motion carried 4-0.
7. The IVFD presented their financial statements for November and December. ESD commissioners asked a question about a double billing by Mid-South in December for \$59.85 on the same day. The IVFD will follow up with Mid-South.
8. The IVFD reported membership of 7 active members, 2 on medical, and 4 associates for a total of 14 members. The department had 8 calls in December. The department is developing a training calendar for the year and is working on the following training:
 - FRO license for current members
 - Wildland fire training by the Texas Forest Service. This training is free, and the department must have 50% of members trained to achieve Tier 2 pay from Grimes County.
 - Class B driver's license for all members. The department must have 50% of members trained for Tier 2 pay from Grimes County. After achieving 50% of member qualification for the wildland fire and class B driver's license, the department will move to Tier 4 pay from the county because other Tier 4 pay

requirements have already been met. This will increase pay from \$32,500 to \$40000.

The IVFD has been awarded a \$5000 Health and Wellness grant for 2023. The IVFD membership agreed to make a proposal to the ESD to sell 4 old vehicles via auction and would like to use the resulting funds for a new booster replacement or toward a new tanker. The ESD agreed to put the topic on the February meeting agenda. The department is waiting on a quote from Siddons for work on the 2019 brush truck. A contractor has been contacted for constructing an ESD office area at Fire Station #1 and an office at Fire Station #2. The roof repair is complete, and another day is needed to complete the electrical work on the door. The department is purchasing a rescue stretcher for Fire Station #2. The new fire hoses have come in and are installed on the trucks.

9. The ESD treasurer presented the monthly \$2500 payment to the IVFD for December 2022 and January for approval. He also presented a bill for @275 for Safe D membership, \$66 to Bob Leiper for PO Box renewal, and \$14.92 to Bob Leiper for office supplies. Motion to approve the payment by Pointer and second by Braswell. Motion carried 4-0.
10. Motion to adjourn at 7:49 by Akers and second Braswell. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Braswell

Vice President, Grimes County ESD #1