September 18, 2025

The Rusk County Emergency Services District #1 met on this date at 6 p.m. for a Special Called Meeting & Workshop with Board President David Burks presiding. Board Members present were Jiffy Dukes, Wayne Griffith and Gloria Dooley. The meeting was opened with a prayer from Chief Jeremy Bozeman followed by the pledge to the American flag. Departments represented were Reklaw, Crims Chapel, New Salem, New London, Carlisle, Eastside, Tatum, Laneville and Rusk County Rescue.

The meeting opened with agenda item 4 to consider and possibly approve quote proposals on SCBAs, Gas Monitors and TICs for the District VFDs. SCBA proposals were reviewed first and as there was only one proposal that met the RFP from CASCO Industries, a dmotion to approve 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 next quote proposals to be reviewed were on the Gas Monitors from CASCO, Pintail Safety, NAFECO, Delta, and MES. All proposals were reviewed and discussed and a motion to approve the proposal from Pintail Safety was made by Board Member Wayne Griffith and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a majority vote with Board Member Gloria Dooley abstaining. The last quote proposals were on Thermal Imaging Cameras from CASCO , NAFECO, Delta and MES. Again the Board reviewed and discussed all proposals and a motion to approve the proposal from NAFECO was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Gloria Dooley. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The last item on the agenda was to discuss Strategic Plans in progress for the District. Items to prioritize for the last quarter of the year were agreed to be: Job Description for a Business/Finance Manager; Job Description for a District Operations Manager; Job Description for paid Firefighter; list of specialize training for the District; cost of building a burn house/tower; ESD form a committee for input from the departments on training and specialized tools and equipment for departments. Board Member Dooley informed the Board that she had reached out to Safe-d and Smith Co. ESD #2 on both strategic planning and the job descriptions for operations but had not yet heard back from them. She will continue to seek out templates for the Board to use in building their own specialized job descriptions and strategic plan for a rural county.

Under Public Comments RCFFA President Jeremy Bozeman reminded everyone about the email he had sent out regarding the Paint the Town Pink event to raise funds for cancer patients and their families in the county.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. On a unanimous vote of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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