October 16, 2025

The Rusk County Emergency Services District #1 met on this date at 7:01 p.m. with Board President David Burks presiding. Board Members present were Gloria Dooley, Jiffy Dukes and Wayne Griffith. The meeting was opened with a prayer from Patrick Dooley followed by the pledge to the American flag.

A roll call of departments present was recorded as follows: Carlisle, Church Hill, Crims Chapel, Eastside, Elderville, Henderson, Rusk Co. Rescue, Kilgore, Kilgore Rescue, Laneville, New London, New Salem, Overton and Tatum. Departments recorded as absent were: Texas Forest Service, Garrison, Mt. Enterprise and Reklaw.

Under Public Comments the following was noted: First Responder Luncheon on October 17th at St. Jude's; SCBA mask fit tests to be done on Wednesday and Thursday of next week (22nd & 23rd) from 6-9 p.m. at ESD building by Tommy Brock with CASCO; Special Called meeting will be held next week on October 23rd at 11 a.m. at the ESD building; October 18th Laneville VFD fund raiser and October 25th Eastside VFD fundraiser.

The minutes of the previous meetings were then presented to the Board for their consideration and approval as emailed. On a motion made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith, the minutes were approved as emailed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The financial report was then presented to the Board for their consideration and approval by Board Administrative Assistant Dawn Taylor. She reported a beginning balance in the Obligations account in the amount of $306,816.77, with interest earned in the amount of $551.01, for an ending balance in the amount of $307,367.78; the District's checking account showed a beginning balance in the amount of $554,356.43, and after disbursements and deposits, an ending balance in the amount of $269,611.88; the Sales Tax Money Market account showed a beginning balance in the amount of $2,979,329.33, with interest earned in the amount of $5,907.56, for an ending balance in the amount of $3,673,252.51; and the General Money market account showed a beginning balance in the amount of $1,650,462.87, with interest earned in the amount of $2,964.05, for an ending balance in the amount of $1,653,426.92. Included with the report was a budget versus actual, department breakdown and profit and loss versus actual. On a motion made by Board Member Wayne Griffith, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, the Board approved the financial report with a unanimous vote.

The monthly payment of bills was then presented to the Board for their consideration and approval by the Board Treasurer. All checks written for the month of September were reviewed and motion to approve the payment of bills 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 item was to consider and possibly approve any revenue transfers amount District accounts. Board Treasurer Gloria Dooley reported one transfer in September moving Sales and Use tax collections from the checking account into the money market account. A motion to approve the monthly transfers was made by Board Member Wayne Griffith, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next item was to consider and possibly approve monthly financial reports from the volunteer departments. A motion 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 item was to consider and possibly approve the Quarterly Investment report. Board Treasurer Dooley presented the investment breakdown and noted that all of the funds were still secured by the same sources and exceeded the amount of funds on deposit at all times. A motion 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 item was to consider and possibly approve any items pending on the ESD building. The only item was to remind Board Member Dukes to contact Prolots about checking a possible sink hole in the parking lot. No action taken.

The next item was to consider and possibly approve any items pertaining to communications/technology in the District. Items considered and discussed were:

1. Approve mapping for use with assisting agencies in the District
2. Approve Michael Searcy attending TXWarn meeting in Houston and reimbursing him for expenses;
3. Approve purchase of one 32 BG laptop memory kit to divide among two laptops for ESD use
4. Request simple ILA for tower use between ESD and other agencies;
5. Transfer camera system from Fire Marshal truck to Rusk Co. Sheriff's office
6. Truck radar system to be returned to the City of Henderson or disposed of

A motion to approve all items was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next item was to consider and possibly approve quote for installation of skid unit for the Eastside VFD under a TFS grant. A quote of $55,992.00 was presented to the Board that included the skid unit and installation by Siddons-Martin. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The department will submit their grant approval to the Board (received) and return to the Board the grant funds received in exchange for the Board paying the cost difference.

The next item was to consider and possibly approve reimbursement to the Church Hill VFD for the purchase of a truck winch in the amount of $803.16. This winch will replace the one removed from the truck before it was transferred from Crims Chapel VFD. A motion 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 item on the agenda was to consider and possibly approve amending the Laneville budget to include cost share on rescue air bag kit as well as rescue tools contingent on the department receiving a grant for rescue tools and not purchasing or ordering any items unless a grant was received. The Board reviewed the quote and Chief Nathan Youngblood explained that the vendor had a special price on the air bag kit that was only good through December and the department wanted to take advantage of this and add this item to their previously submitted quote on just the tools. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a majority vote, with Board Member Jiffy Dukes abstaining.

The next item was to consider and possibly approve reimbursing the Mt. Enterprise VFD for handouts for fire prevention week in the amount of $488.20. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The next item was to consider and possibly approve reimbursement to the Rusk County Firefighters Association for $449.78 for handouts for the annual Syrup Festival. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The next item was to consider and possibly approve a Preventive Maintenance contract for the generator at the ESD building. The Board review contracts submitted from Mall Energy and Clifford Power both out of Longview, Texas. After review of both plans a

motion to approve the contract from Clifford Power was made by Board Member Wayne Griffith, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next item was to consider and possibly approve increasing the allowance on bunker gear under the District's Guidelines. Board Member Gloria Dooley informed the Board that the last invoices she had received exceeded the $4,000.00 limit the Board currently had in place and she recommended increasing the limit to $5,000.00 for a full set of bunker gear. A motion to approve 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 next item was to consider and possibly approve reimbursement to the New London VFD for cost of fire academy for Sidney Tanner Riley in the amount of $2,862.12. The Board reviewed the submitted documents after Chief Sammy Nichols explained that they had the young man enrolled in and begin classes and then tried to apply for reimbursement under HB 2604 and found that you had to submit before they start classes. After review a motion to reimburse the department $1,862.12 was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The next item was to consider and possibly approve reimbursement to the Mt. Enterprise VFD for repairs to their brush truck in the amount of $3,365.00. Board Treasurer Dooley verified that the department had already meet the Guidelines for reimbursement. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next item was to consider and possibly approve a new quote for rescue tools from the Eastside VFD contingent on receiving a grant from TFS. The new quote also adds an air bag kit to the original quote. A motion to approve with the same stipulations as applied to the Laneville VFD was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The next item was to consider and possibly approve reimbursement to the Carlisle VFD for 2 Vetter Rescue sets and 3 valves at a total cost of $11,062.34. After reviewing the quote, a motion to approve the purchase with direct payment from the ESD was made by Board Member Wayne Griffith, and duly seconded by Board Member Gloria Dooley. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

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The next item was to consider and possibly approve a cost share with the Carlisle VFD on TFS grant for rescue spreader at a cost of $32,560.00 with direct payment to the vendor and the department returning to the ESD the grant funds in the amount of $25,000.00. A motion 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 item on the agenda was the election of officers for 2026. Board Member Gloria Dooley made a motion to elect the following as officers for the upcoming year:

Board President	David Burks
Board Vice President	Wayne Griffith
Board Secretary/Treasurer	Gloria Dooley
Board Assistant Treasurer	Jiffy Dukes.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith and passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The next item was to remind all Board Commissioners that they are required under State law to receive 6 hours of training every two years that is certified and accepted by the State of Texas.

The last item was to consider and possibly approve attending the Annual SAFE-D conference in San Antonio, Texas starting on January 29th thru January 31st of 2026. All 4 current Board Members will attend and in addition Patrick Dooley, Nathan Youngblood, Scott McCoy and Sammy Nichols will also attend. Room reservations have already been made in San Antonio for the conference.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. On a unanimous vote of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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Secretary President