May 30, 2025

The Rusk County Emergency Services District #1 met on this date at 11:34 a.m. for a Special Called Meeting with Board President David Burks presiding. Board Members present were Jiffy Dukes, Gloria Dooley and Wayne Griffith. The meeting was opened with a prayer from Patrick Dooley followed by the pledge to the American flag.

The first item of business was to consider, discuss and possibly approve loaning the Garrison VFD the necessary radio equipment to continue communications (antennas, base radios, patch kit). The request was made by Chief Ricky Colle as Nacogdoches county was planning on switching to 7/800 on June 9th and the department did not yet have radios and would not be able to receive calls or respond to calls. The county was going to try to come up with the necessary equipment and they were only asking to borrow equipment if the need arises. A motion to approve the loan of equipment 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 of business was to consider and possibly approve an additional amount of $499.70 for tires for the New Salem VFD. The request was made by Assistant Chief Bill Ruby after discovering that the wrong tires had been quoted and approved at our May Board meeting. A motion to approve the additional amount was made by Board Member Wayne Griffith, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

Under Public Comments Board Member Gloria Dooley informed everyone that an invitation to participate in a Touch A Truck event at the Depot Museum had been received and that she would notify the departments that it would be on June 3 from 9 to 11. Board Member Jiffy Dukes gave the Board an update on the New Salem VFD station plans and that the plans and specs were incomplete and we could not go out for bids with the information we currently had from the department. He would be reaching out to Chief Chris Harding for the 3 bay station that Elderville had built to see if they could be modified and Board Member Gloria Dooley would reach out to GLS and see if they had any plans for a similar size rural station that could possibly be modified. Everyone agreed that coming up with plans and specs for a three bay station that could be used as a prototype for our rural departments was the goal. Board Member Jiffy Dukes will meet with the New Salem VFD chief and assistant chief and go over the specifications and plans that they had submitted and get additional information from them on exactly what they wanted. Until more complete plans and specs are received, the ESD will not go out for bids with what we have currently received.

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 12:04 p.m.

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Secretary President