July 17, 2025

The Rusk County Emergency Services District #1 met on this date at 7:04 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 Rescue, Laneville, Mt. Enterprise, New London, New Salem, Reklaw and Tatum. Departments recorded as absent were Texas Forest Service, Garrison, Kilgore FD and Overton.

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 Gloria Dooley, the minutes were approved as emailed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The financial reports were then presented to the Board for their consideration and approval as emailed. Board Treasurer Gloria Dooley reported a beginning balance in the District's checking account in the amount of $375,185.60, and after deposits and disbursements, an ending balance in the amount of $303,953.82; the Sales and Use tax account showed a beginning balance in the amount of $3,498,522.33 with one deposit in the amount of $462,852.52 and one disbursement in the amount of $520,949.34, and interest earned in the amount of $6,724.03 for an ending balance in the amount of $3,440,425.51; the Obligations Money Market showed a beginning balance in the amount of $444,887.79 with one check in the amount of $139,938.16 and interest earned in the amount of $661.09, for an ending balance in the amount of $305,610.72; and the General Money Market account showed a beginning balance in the amount of $1,822,385.05, with interest earned in the amount of $3,519.95, for an ending balance in the amount of $1,825,905.00. Also included with the report was a current budget, department breakdowns, and profit and loss versus actual reports. On a motion made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member David Burks, the financial report was approved as emailed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The payment of bills was then presented to the Board for their consideration and approval by Board Treasurer Gloria Dooley. All Board Members had received via email a check detail report with all checks written during the month of June for their review. As there were no questions or discussion, a 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 agenda item was to consider and possibly approve monthly revenue transfers. Board Treasure Gloria Dooley read aloud all transfers of funds between accounts and the reason why these transfers had occurred. A motion to approve the 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 agenda item was to consider and possibly approve monthly financial reports from the VFDs. The Board Members had received these reports prior to the meeting for review and had, at this time, no questions. 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 agenda item was to consider and possibly approve the 2nd Quarter Investment report as presented to the Board by the Board Treasurer. The Board reviewed the report and that the total market value of the holdings exceeded the amounts on deposit at the bank as required by law. A motion to approve the report 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 on the agenda was to consider and possibly approve any items pertaining to the training facility. Board Member Jiffy Dukes inquired about the change to one of the flag poles and Patrick Dooley reported that the cost would be $9,000.00. This amount was unacceptable and no action was, or would be, taken on the flagpoles.

The next item on the agenda was to consider and possibly approve anything pertaining to radio communications in the District. Board Member Dooley reported that she had asked Michael Searcy to contact Sunny Communications regarding a sale on Phase 2 800 MHz radios and that he had received a quote from them. The breakdown was $108,750.00 for 50 Motorola APX7000 VHF dual band handhelds, $46,000.00 for 20 Motorola APX7500 VHF 50W 7/800 mobile radios and $325.00 for freight. The Board discussed that our current inventory of spare radios for new members and to replace defective radios was under 10 so there was a need to rebuild the inventory with compatible radios and that this was a very good price on Motorola radios. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member David Burks. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The next item on the agenda was to consider and possibly approve the purchase of asset/inventory tags and to implement a policy to start using these immediately for all items purchased by the ESD. Patrick Dooley presented the request and explained how

these would work and could be put into the new RMS as items were received and before they were picked up by a department. Departments could also just come and get tags and fill out an information sheet and turn it in so that they could be loaded into the RMS. A motion was made to purchase a starting quantity of 500 by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and was duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The next agenda item to consider a labor maintenance contract with Siddons-Martin was tabled on a motion made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith, as their rep was out of town and could not attend the meeting.

The next agenda item was to consider and possibly approve a cost share with the Mt. Enterprise VFD for remodeling of their new building. Chief Case presented an estimate to Board of approximately $22,000.00 and asked for an amount not to exceed $25,000.00. The Board reviewed the estimate and a motion to approve 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.

The next agenda item was to consider, discuss and possibly act on any committee reports from the Rusk County Firefighters Association. Tina Dukes gave an oral report on the 9-11 Memorial Walk Committee, Hamburger Fund Raiser and Syrup Festival Committee. The date for the walk is September 13th, the fund raiser is scheduled for September 26th and the syrup festival is November 8th. A motion to accept the oral reports was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next agenda item was to consider and possibly approve a cost share with the Rusk County Firefighters Association on the new vending machine at a cost of $2,089.00 to the ESD. The Association presented the invoice and asked for the cost share to offset the cost to the Association. 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 on the agenda was to consider and possibly approve the purchase of gas meters and thermal cameras for area departments by the ESD. The following departments requested as indicated: GAS METERS: Carlisle 2, Laneville 2, Eastside 1, Mt. Enterprise 2, Church Hill 2, Crims Chapel 2, Tatum 2 and New London 2; THERMAL CAMERAS: Laneville 2, Rusk Co. Rescue 2, Mt. Enterprise 2, Church Hill 2, Crims Chapel 2, Eastside 2, New London 2, Carlise 2 and Tatum 2. A motion to seek out bids for these was made by Board

Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. CASCO and Delta will provide bids at the August meeting to include a testing station for the gas meters.

The next item on the agenda was to approve contracting with LMH Construction of the drawings and specifications for the New Salem station at a cost of $15,000.00. Board Member Jiffy Dukes and Assistant Chief Bill Ruby had met with the owner of the company in Longview and felt that they were the best choice to get us a set of workable drawings and specs so that the project could be offered for bids. 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 agenda item was to consider and possibly approve paying off the engine and large brush truck vehicle notes for the Reklaw VFD at a cost of $82,107.14 and $8,377.63. The only question for the department was would they then title the vehicles to the ESD as we had insurance on both vehicles and had paid a 50% cost share for them when they were first purchased, and the department Chief, Francisco Hernandez, agreed that they would do so. A motion to approve 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 on the agenda was to consider and possibly approve an additional cost of $85.00 over the approved amount of $906.40 to Nalcom on an order placed in March. A motion to approve the additional amount 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 on the agenda was to consider and possibly approve reimbursement to the Laneville VFD for EMT class at a cost of $1,900.18 and for engine tires at a cost of $3,047.10. Tina Dukes presented the request along with the invoices and check copies. A motion to approve the reimbursement 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 agenda item was to consider and possibly approve reimbursement to the Eastside VFD for the cost of one set of bunker gear at a cost of #3,389.74 not including freight. 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. Amount including freight will be reimbursed upon receipt of invoice and payment.

The next item on the agenda was to consider and possibly approve co-hosting the annual 9-11 Memorial Walk and the purchase of challenge coins and refreshments for the event.

Board Member Gloria Dooley presented the request as this is what the ESD had provided last year for the event. A motion to approve 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.

The next item on the agenda was to consider and possibly approve an ILA between the Rusk Co. ESD #1 and the Panola County ESD for quarterly payments to the Tatum VFD for out of county mutual aid calls. Board Member Gloria Dooley presented the ILA that was prepared by the Carlton Law Firm and told the Board that what the Board had received from the Panola County ESD was NOT an ILA but a service contract like they had with their VFDs and that we could not sign a service contract with another ESD. She suggested that we sign the ILA and she would send it to them for their approval and explain why it needed to be an ILA between ESDs. 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 a Building Access Policy for the ESD building. The Board reviewed the policy and agreed to changes to several areas of the policy. Board Member Dooley will make the changes and send out the updated copies to the Board prior to the August meeting. A motion to table 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.

Under Public Comments the following was noted: Chief Bobby Davila with the Carlisle VFD requested that the Board allow them an additional 4 to 5 days on their financial report since all of their financials went to a local CPA and they needed extra time due to their workload. The Board agreed that they could have the extra time needed. Board Member Gloria Dooley presented to the Board a quote for 36 SCBAs and 36 extra cylinders that would be presented at the August meeting. She explained that she had gotten the quote since every department had included in their 2026 budgets SCBAs and that there was a definite need across the county and that the Board should consider a bulk buy.

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. With a unanimous vote of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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