April 17, 2025

The Rusk County Emergency Services District #1 met on this date at 7:10 p.m. with Board President David Burks presiding. Board Members present were Jiffy Dukes, Gloria Dooley and Wayne Griffith. Board Members absent were Brian Bathke. The meeting was opened with a prayer from Michael Searcy 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, Garrison, Henderson, Rusk County Rescue, Kilgore, Kilgore Rescue, Laneville, Mt. Enterprise, New London, New Salem, Overton, Reklaw and Tatum. Departments recorded as absent were: Texas Forest Service.

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 reports were then presented to the Board for their consideration and approval as emailed. Board Treasurer Gloria Dooley explained that the financials reports were being corrected and werenot ready at this time. A motion to table until next month was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The payment of bills was then presented to the Board for their consideration and approval as emailed. Again, these were not ready at this time. A motion to table was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The monthly report of revenue transfers among District accounts was then presented to the Board for their consideration and approval by the Board Treasurer. She read aloud the 4 account transfers made and the purpose for each transfer. 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 any pending items regarding the training facility. Board Member Jiffy Dukes brought to the attention the need to repair a sink hole in the parking lot at a cost of $2,200.00. A motion to approve the repair was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. He also reported that he would be getting a price to also fix and seal the cracks in the asphalt to prevent further erosion in the parking lot and hoped to have that number at the May meeting. The next item was to have an outside faucet installed at the storage building to use for watering the grounds. A motion to approve

having one installed was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. He also reported that while we were still experiencing issues with the lighting in various areas of the building, it had improved and that some of the issues had to do with shadows causing the lights to come on and then go off. Further adjustments would need to be made until all areas were working properly. The critter in the attic space still had not been caught but a trap was installed in the hopes of catching the critter.

The next agenda item was to consider and possibly approve any items pertaining to radio communications in the District. The first item was to approve a Resolution Adopting Radio Communications Protocols for the District. A motion to approve and implement in the District was made by Board Member David Burks, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. A copy of the Protocols will be emailed to all departments. The last item was to consider and possibly approve a quote from Nalcom in the amount of $906.40 presented by IT Consultant Michael Searcy for items needed to complete the P25 conversion. 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 the purchase of fire hydrants for the City of New London at a cost of $3,717.00. Both of these would be used for county purposes and the city was seeking reimbursement for the purchase. 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.

The next item on the agenda was to set a date for the 2nd Strategic Planning workshop. A motion to set a date of June 9th at 6 p.m. was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Gloria Dooley. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next item on the agenda was to consider and possibly approve the purchase of 3 flat screen t.v.s for the Command room. After a discussion, a motion to approve at an approximate cost of $894.00 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 New Salem VFD for signage on their tender at a cost of $450.00. 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 mowing services that

would also include upkeep on the flower beds. Board Member Jiffy Dukes reported that he had met with the current mowing service and gotten prices from them to include the flower beds and had also met with Chilo mowing services and gotten prices from them. The quote from Chilo was lower and a motion to approve their quote was made by Board Member Wayne Griffith, and duly seconded by Board Member Gloria Dooley. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next item on the agenda was to reimburse the Church Hill VFD for installation of gutters and downspouts at a cost of $1,400.00. While the department did not include this on their 2025 budget, the gutters were rusted out and had to be replaced. A motion to approve the reimbursement 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 Carlisle VFD for reprogramming of radios at a cost of $4,500.00. Chief DaVilla reported that reprogramming was cheaper than replacing the mobile units so the department had chosen that option. 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 agenda item was to consider, discuss and possibly approve an amended Resolution Adopting Investment Policy and Investment Strategies. As this item was only received that afternoon and was very detailed and had multiple requirements, a motion to table was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next agenda item was to consider, discuss and possibly approve an Interlocal Agreement with the Nacogdoches ESD #6 and Rusk Co. ESD #1 for fire protection, fire prevention and medical first responding services within Rusk County. Board Treasurer Gloria Dooley explained that she had requested this agreement to be drawn up by the Board attorney since our current Agreement for Fire Protection Services would not work between ESDs as it was designed for the District's fire departments. A motion to accept and sign the agreement was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The ILA will now go the Nacogdoches ESD #6 for their review and signatures.

The next agenda item was to consider and possibly approve a quarterly investment report for the 1st quarter of 2025. Board Treasurer Gloria Dooley requested that this be tabled as she had only received the information on what was needed in the report less than an hour before the meeting and could not compile an accurate report in that length of time.

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.

The next item on the agenda was to consider and possibly approve reimbursement to the Laneville VFD for the purchase of two replacement cylinders at a cost of $2,562.00. Tina Dukes made the request and noted that this item was included in their 2025 budget. 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 as he is a member of the department.

Under Public comments the following was noted: Northeast Texas Firefighters Association Spring meeting on April 26th at the Judson fire department in Longview starting at 9 a.m.; Garrison VFD baked potato sale starting at 10 a.m. on April 19th; Garrison BBQ on May 3rd starting at 11 a.m.; Elderville 2nd annual Pat Owens Memorial Crawfish Boil starting at 1 p.m. on May 3rd; request from Board Member Jiffy Dukes for an agenda item on the May agenda to discuss possibly purchasing additional hand held radios for use as Command radios for the District.

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 8:10 p.m.

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Secretary President