

October 23, 2025

The Rusk County Emergency Services District #1 met on this date at 11:02 a.m. for a Special Called meeting 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 Board Member Dukes followed by the pledge to the American flag. Departments present were New Salem, Rusk County Rescue, Laneville and Reklaw.

The first item to consider and possibly approve was a bid for the Church Hill VFD brush truck under a TFS grant. The Board reviewed the HGAC bid submitted by Siddons-Martin and asked if the Church Hill VFD was satisfied with the bid and items listed for the vehicle. As the department was in agreement with the bid submitted, a motion to approve was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. On a unanimous vote of the Board, the motion was approved.

The next item was to consider and possibly approve ISO equipment for the tenders currently on order under proposals and TFS grants. The Board reviewed the current list and had no additions or changes but felt that the list should be reviewed and updated before ordering the equipment. Board Member Gloria Dooley requested that departments receiving tenders should be allowed to order a low level strainer based on the GPM of the individual pump on the apparatus after receiving, and then be reimbursed by the ESD. At the present, this couldn't be added to the list as the tenders did not have the same rated pump but that in the future the actual specifications could be amended to specify a pump with a minimum GPM rating of 1250. The Board also reviewed the list of ISO equipment for engines and brush trucks. A motion was made to request the Specifications Committee to meet within the next week and update all three lists so the Board could approve and order ISO equipment by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The last item was to consider and possibly approve drawings and specifications for the New Salem VFD station and the placement of an ad for bids. Board Member Jiffy Dukes reported that while he had received the drawings and some of the specifications, he still needed items changed and had talked with the company and was assured he would have the completed items by the end of the week. To be able to proceed with placing an ad for bids, a motion was made to allow Board Member Dukes and one other Board Member, along with the Chief and Assistant Chief of the Department, to review and accept the specifications and drawings upon receipt. The motion was duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith and passed with a unanimous vote of the Board. Once said items are accepted they will be forwarded to Board Secretary/Treasurer Gloria Dooley for the placement of an ad in the Hendeson and Longview Newspapers.

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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 noon.

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Secretary

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President