

December 21, 2022

The Rusk County Emergency Service District #1 met on this date at 11:30 a.m. for a special called meeting with Board President David Burks presiding. Board Members present were David Burks, Jiffy Dukes, Gloria Dooley and Wayne Griffith. Board Members absent were Brian Bathke. The meeting was opened with a prayer and the pledge to the American flag.

As there was no Old Business, the Board proceeded to the first item under New Business, to consider and possibly approve payment to the Carlisle VFD for bunker gear in the amount of \$21,456.98. This gear purchase was under a Texas Forest Service grant and once the invoice and check copy are submitted, the department will be reimbursed and they will, in turn, reimburse the ESD the full amount received from the grant. A motion to approve the payment 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 last item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve payment to Siddons-Martin for repairs to the Mt. Enterprise VFD 2015 pumper in the amount of \$1,228.39. While the Board did not contest the need for the repairs, the majority of the invoice was for 2 batteries and the department could have gotten these somewhere else (auto supply house) and saved about \$600.00. A motion to approve the direct payment 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.

Under public comments Board Treasurer Gloria Dooley reminded the Board that in January departments would be receiving their annual funding and asked if they felt funding to the Overton VFD should be withheld due to the department currently being in disarray. After a brief discussion it was agreed that a special called meeting should be held with the Board's legal counsel present to determine if funding should be withheld until the situation is resolved. The meeting will be set for December 29th at noon.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. On a unanimous vote of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Secretary

President