

September 6, 2023

The Rusk County Emergency Service District #1 met on this date at 5:49 p.m. with Board President David Burks presiding. Board Members present were Gloria Dooley, Brian Bathke, Jiffy Dukes and Wayne Griffith. The meeting was opened with a prayer from Board Member Jiffy Dukes followed by the pledge to the American flag.

As there was no Old Business on the agenda, the only item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve changes to the ILA with the City of Kilgore Regarding the Imposition and Collection of Sales and Use Tax. The Board reviewed the ILA and the remarks received from the Board Attorney and remarks from Board Member Jiffy Dukes. After a brief discussion, a motion to send the amended agreement back to the City Manager in Kilgore was made by Board Member David Burks, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board. The Board agreed that it would wait for a reply from the City Manager of Kilgore and then meet to review any needed changes.

Under public comments, department member Tina Dukes asked Board Member Brian Bathke if he cared to explain his non-support of the upcoming Sales and Use tax election as it seemed that he, and the New London VFD, were not supportive of the ESD. Board Member Bathke did not respond. She then asked if the only reason the New London VFD was a member of the ESD was for the funding because they weren't supportive of the ESD or the county departments which seemed disrespectful to her. Board Member Bathke responded that the New London VFD didn't need the funds they received from the ESD. At this point, Mrs. Dukes withdrew her comments and ended the questions she had. Chief Ryan Riley of the Kilgore Rescue Unit, and a member of the New London VFD, did respond that the New London VFD was a proud member of the ESD and that to the very best of his knowledge supported the ESD, their efforts to aid departments in the county and the help the New London VFD had received from the ESD.

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 6:32 p.m.

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