

October 3, 2024

The Rusk County Emergency Services District #1 met on this date at 11:35 a.m. for a Special Called Meeting with Board President David Burks presiding. Board Members present were Brian Bathke, Gloria Dooley, Jiffy Dukes and Wayne Griffith. The meeting was opened with a prayer from Fire Marshal Patrick Dooley followed by the pledge to the American flag.

Under Old Business the only item was to consider, discuss and possibly approve any pending items regarding the remodel of the training facility. Board Member Jiffy Dukes gave the Board an update on the renovations of the storage building and reported that the mini-split a/c was found to be damaged and would have to be replaced. He had spoken with Lowe's and they had ordered a replacement unit and were also going to discount it. He had also contracted to have trees removed and was getting prices on dirt work to fill in the gully on the property and to remove brush along the outside perimeter of the fencing. Board Member Brian Bathke reported that he hoped to have numbers on the rework on the French drain system by the October meeting. On a motion made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith, the Board approved with a unanimous vote the tree and brush work.

Under New Business the first item was to consider and possibly approve the 2023 annual audit as presented by Morgan LaGrone, CPA. Ms. LaGrone presented the annual audit report and reported that all items were within governmental guidelines and they found no significant problems or issues. While there were journal entries to be made for year end, these were expected due to the remodeling project and sales and use tax election in November of 2023. During the exit interview the previous week she had made some recommendations for the coming year to help with reducing the number of entries. A motion to approve the annual audit 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 last item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve repairs to the Mt .Enterprise VFD engine in the amount of \$6,826.43 to be paid directly to Siddons-Martin. These repairs were to the braking system and to the foam system on the engine. A motion to approve payment was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Under Public Comments Board Member Gloria Dooley reported that the Eastside Brush 1 truck was in for repairs and that the Rescue Unit Command truck was also undergoing repairs. Board Member Jiffy Dukes reported that bids were being received on the concrete work for the Laneville VFD and would be opened at the October meeting. He hoped to have five or more bids at that time for the Board to review and would try to have a check off list prepared to help in the process.

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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 Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. On a unanimous vote of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

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President