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The Rusk County Emergency Services District #1 met on this date at 7:09 p.m. with Board President David Burks presiding. Board Members present were Brian Bathe, Jiffy Dukes and Gloria Dooley. Absent was Board Member Wayne Griffith. The meeting was opened with a prayer from Brian Beeson 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 Rescue, Laneville, New London, New Salem, Overton, Reklaw and Tatum. Departments recorded as absent were: Texas Forest Service, Kilgore FD and Mt. Enterprise.

The minutes of the previous meeting 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 Brian Bathke, the minutes were approved as emailed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The financial report and payment of bills was tabled on a motion made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Brian Bathke. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Board Treasurer Gloria Dooley is hoping to have updated financials by the August meeting.

The first item under Old Business was to consider, discuss and possibly approve any pending items regarding the remodel of the training facility. Board Treasurer Gloria Dooley presented a bill from Sign Express that was an additional \$392 for the addition of an electrical box on the sign over what had been approved and an out of scope invoice for the installation of the UPS from Blazer Electric in the amount of \$6,165.19. A motion to approve both was made by Board Member Brian Bathke, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board. She also reported that outside grilles had been found for a total of \$4,080 (previous approved an amount not to exceed \$5,000); floor scrubber had been received; city had been contacted for an inspection of the parking lot and land scaping

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work so a permit to occupy could be obtained; a new garbage disposal had been ordered as the original did not work; hood issues were being addressed; HVAC had been to the building but issues could not be resolved any further; painters had returned and would be doing rework on interior and exterior surfaces; all asphalt had been completed; and land scaping issues had been addressed but solution would be out of scope at a later date.

The last item under Old Business was to consider, discuss and possibly approve anything pertaining to radio communications in the District. As there was no report, no action was taken.

Under New Business the first item was to consider and possibly approve repairs to the foam systems on the Crims Chapel VFD's engine and brush truck at a cost of \$4,335.89. After a brief discussion, a motion to approve the repairs was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Brian Bathke. The motion passed with a unanimous vote and the department can have Siddons-Martin direct bill the ESD.

The next item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve repairs to the New Salem VFD's engine at an estimated cost of \$18,000.00. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Brian Bathke, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote and the department can have the repairs direct billed to the ESD.

The next item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve releasing Workers Comp dividend checks to the departments for their use to offset their operating costs. Board Treasurer Gloria Dooley made the request of the Board rather than the ESD keeping the dividend checks to offset the cost of the insurance. A motion to approve the request was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Brian Bathke. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board. Checks would be handed out to departments at the end of the meeting.

The next item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve a cost share with the Overton VFD for the purchase of a Lifeline CPR

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compression device. The department asked for the cost share as they have had an increase in the number of medical calls and EMS service was not always available. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Jiffy Dukes, and duly seconded by Board Member Brian Bathke. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board. Approximate cost is \$3,750.00.

The last item under New Business was to consider and possibly approve adoption of a new Orange Helmet Resolution from the Rusk County Firefighters Association. The Board reviewed the new and revised Resolution and then discussed the option of delaying putting it into effect until the first of the year. After discussion from those present and the Board, a motion to approve the Resolution for District wide use effectively immediately was made by Board Member Brian Bathke, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

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 Brian Bathke. On a unanimous vote of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Secretary

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President