

Emergency Services District No. 1

Minutes for meeting on Monday May 19, 2025

1. ESD#1 meeting called to order at 5:05 pm by President, Chris Hughes.
 2. Roll Call of Commissioners – Members present: Chris Hughes, James Wood, Bill Aycock, and Keith Anderson. Chief Baccus and several members of the IVFD were present.
 3. Minutes from the April regular meeting were reviewed. Motion by Hughes to accept the minutes, seconded by Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.
 4. Report from the Ingram Volunteer Fire Department Chief Baccus. Bank account balance is \$26,847.46. Fundraising account balance is \$21,267.00. 19 fire calls since the last meeting. Calls to date are 79. We did not hit that number last year until September. The burn ban is off. The department is fielding many calls from the public asking questions about the burn ban and, specifically, asking questions about what they can burn. The department was approved for the Sterling Turner Foundation Grant. This is an operating grant for \$30,000. The Gary Sinse Foundation grant for \$29,121 in wildland gear is being fulfilled. The Gear is purchased by the Foundation and is shipped directly to the Department. Chief submitted a grant to James Avery requesting \$30,000 for a washer/dryer unit to wash the new bunker gear. A letter of inquiry has been submitted to the Dennis Leary Foundation. The department is receiving shipments of structural firefighting gear from the Steven Foundation grant. On May 15, Personnel participated in the Ingram Elementary 5th grade Graduation. Everyone loved it. Personnel worked with Ingram ISD police department to assist with traffic control for the Police Week memorial. On May 31, the department will have an all-day training event. This will include live fire training on the lower grounds. Nothing to report on the Stryker matter.
- 5A. No Treasurer's report for April.
- 5B. Bills to Pay: \$420.00 to reimburse the IVFD for sending a firefighter to heavy rescue training. \$2,191.61 to reimburse the IVFD for a new 60 gallon air compressor. \$1,059.28 to reimburse the IVFD for fire suppression gear from Hyman. \$7.50 for truck registration on Unit 505. Motion by Aycock to pay the bills presented, seconded by Hughes. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5C. The board discussed the Fire Station roof repair. One estimate from Cypress Roofing is for \$22,000, and one is for \$52,000. The board discussed the difference between the two estimates. Aycock made the motion to approve the \$22,000 quote and put the repairs in motion, seconded by Woods. The motion carried unanimously.

- 5D. The board discussed the need for a down payment on the roof repairs. Aycock made the motion to approve up to \$10,000 to Cypress Roofing for money down to proceed with the roof repairs. The motion was seconded by Woods. The motion was carried unanimously.
- 5E. Aycock reported on annual audit details. The Audit draft, prepared by Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, was presented to the board for approval. Once approved by the board and signatures obtained, the final copy of the audit will be submitted to the commissioners' court. A payment of \$5,000 is also needed. Hughes made the motion to approve the \$5,000 payment to Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates and approve the audit. The motion was seconded by Aycock. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5F. Hughes gave an update on the transfer of assets from IVFD to ESD #1. Hughes will take the transfer papers down to the County offices to file the transfer.
6. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: A discussion was held regarding the old IVFD radio system not being compatible with the new radio system being implemented by the Kerr County Sheriff's Department. Currently, the IVFD has been issued 9 handheld radios by KCSO, which are compatible with the current radio system. No other radios are compatible and cannot communicate with dispatch. The cost of the handheld radio is approximately \$4,000 per unit. More handhelds are needed. This cost was unforeseen and may impact the ESD's budget.
7. No Citizen comments
8. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.
9. Next Meeting will be June 16, 2025.

Submitted by Bill Aycock, assistant treasurer.