

UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

MAY 24, 2021

4:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1 Board of Directors was held on May 24, 2021, at the Gilmer Fire Station, 120 Henderson, Gilmer, Texas.

- 1) **Open meeting.** The meeting was opened at 4:30 p.m. by Marc Nichols.
- 2) **Call to order.** Marc Nichols called the meeting to order. Prayer was led by Michael Kuza.
- 3) **Determine quorum present.** Marc Nichols determined a quorum was present with all members present.
- 4) **Discuss and take action for the approval of \$5,000.00 down payment to Darley for the East Mountain VFD skid unit.** Motion was made by Gary Smith and second by David Tackett to approve the down payment of \$5,000.00 (reimbursement grant) to purchase a skid unit for East Mountain VFD. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 5) **Discuss and take action to approve payment to East Texas Fuel Injection for repairs to the Lafayette VFD truck in the amount of \$10,358.94.** Motion was made by Michael Kuza with a second by David Tackett to approve the payment to East Texas Fuel Injection for repairs to the Lafayette VFD brush truck in the amount of \$10,358.94 to be paid from ESD Buildings and Equipment line item. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 6) **Discuss and take action regarding all concerns with the Glenwood VFD.** Marc Nichols read the letter submitted by the Glenwood VFD regarding their coverage jurisdiction of the Glenwood VFD. Chief Kaitland Gray submitted a letter to the Board regarding certification and their capabilities of handling JAWS calls in their district. Marc Nichols presented a map of the jurisdiction lines that was created approximately 30 years ago when the Upshur County Emergency Services District was first created. This is the map that the dispatchers use to determine who to dispatch. It was also announced that there is an interlocal agreement between the East Mountain VFD and the City of East Mountain regarding territory in the City of East Mountain. Chief Gray also suggested that she was wanting to purchase a newer engine that she had seen at Siddons-Martin that previously belonged to Noonday VFD for the purchase price of \$50,000.00. Marc Nichols also made the announcement that if there was an accident involving a fireman and/or equipment that the Board needed to be notified as soon as possible for insurance claims.

7) **Adjournment.** Motion by David Tackett and second by Gary Smith to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.



Presiding Officer Signature

Title: president

Date: 7-12-21

Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department
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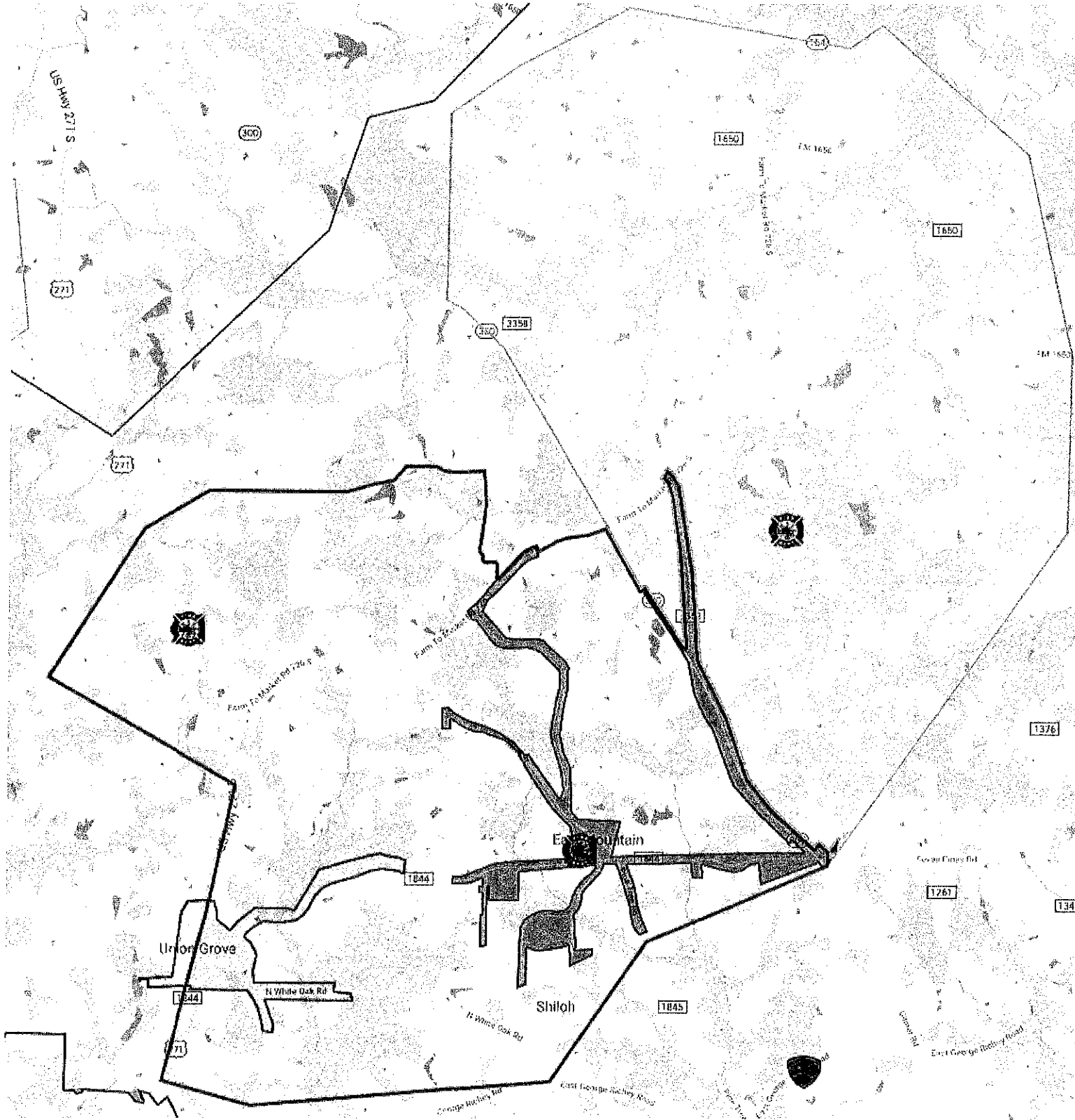
To whom it may concern:

This letter is to notify the Upshur County ESD District #1 that Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department is now carry the Jaws Of Life. The power unit cutters and spreaders have been maintenance and checked off by an authorized Hurst dealer. Our firemen have also been through a JAWS and vehicle extrication training and are checked off by a certified instructor. We are now capable of handling JAWS calls in our district. Therefore we would now like to be toned out to those calls.

Thank you,

Chief Katiland Gray

2021 Glenwood VFD Proposed Area



GLENWOOD VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT

7173 PARKWOOD

GILMER, TX 75645

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DEAR MARK NICHOLS & ESD 1 BOARD MEMBERS

WE COME TO YOU TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP IN RESOLVING A GRAVE MISJUSTICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AS WELL AS TAX PAYING MEMBERS OF UPSHUR COUNTY. AS YOU MAY BE AWARE OF THAT THRU PRIOR LEADERSHIP OF THIS FIRE DEPARTMENT MOST OF OUR FIRE PROTECTION AREA HAS BEEN EITHER REMOVED THRU ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION OR "GIVEN" TO OTHERS DUE TO LACK OF COMMITMENT FROM THE PRIOR CHIEF. WE NOW HAVE A CHIEF THAT IS VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY SHE SERVES AND WE ARE HERE TO LET IT BE KNOWN THAT WE ARE A FULLY COMMITTED FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH A MINIMUM OF 16 MEMBERS AS WELL AS A HUGE ARRAY OF APPERATUS(INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO JAWS OF LIFE EQUIPMENT) TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF ANY UPSHUR COUNTY RESIDENCE, CASE POINT BEING THAT THE NORTH SIDE OF FM3358 IS EAST MOUNTAIN VFD COVERAGE AND THE SOUTH SIDE IS GLENWOOD VFD COVERAGE, AND UNLESS 911 OPERATORS ASK SPECIFICLY "WHAT SIDE OF THE ROAD ARE YOU ON" THERE IS NO WAY OF TELLING WHOS DEPARTMENT SHOULD RESPOND TO THE SCENE OF THE EMERGENCY, AS WELL AS THE FACTS MOST PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW/KEEP UP WITH THEIR DIRECTION OF TRAVEL BASED OFF OF STANDARD DIRECTION OF TRAVEL (NORTH,SOUTH, WEST,EAST), THUS PROLONGING ANY RESPONSE TO THE CITIZENS OF UPSHUR COUNTY, THIS IS WHY WE ARE ASKING YOU TO MAKE AN EXECUTIVE DECISION TO MAKE FM3358 PART OF GLENWOOD VFD'S COVERAGE AREA AS IT IS WITHIN 1.4 MILES FROM OUR STATION AS COMPARED TO 5.4 MILES FROM EAST MOUNTAINS STATION. AT THIS POINT THE LEFT SIDE OF FM3358 IS GLENWOOD & THE RIGHT IS EAST MOUNTAIN, WE ARE ALSO ASKING FOR YOU TO RETURN JURISTITION BACK TO GLENWOOD VFD ALL AREA(S) WITHIN OUR ORIGINAL JURISTITION. WE ALSO ASK THE HWY 300 NOW BE THE CLEAR LINE OF SEPERATION OF BOTH GLENWOOD VFD & EAST MOUNTAIN VFD WITH MUTUAL AID ON ALL CALLS ON HWY 300. WE ACKNOWLEDGE COVERAGE OF PART OF HWY 300 WITHIN EAST MOUNTAINS CITY LIMITS AND YEILD THAT RIGHT OF WAY TO EMVFD. STARTING AT HWY 300 & FM3358 BACK TO FM1844. ALL CALLS FROM FLAMINGO ROAD BACK TOWARD GILMER CITY LIMITS WE YEILD TO GILMER FD AS WELL AS EAST MOUNTAIN AND ONLY WILL OPERATE IN THAT AREA AS PART OF STANDING MUTUAL AID REQUEST. ENCLOSED IS A DETAILED MAP OF GLENWOOD VFD'S COVERAGE AREA PRIOR TO ANY CHANGES, THIS IS WHAT WE ARE ASKING THIS BOARD TO RETURN TO IT'S PROPER COVERAGE LIMITS.

SINCERELY THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GLENWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

SINGED BY RANKING OFFICERS FOR GLENWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT;

KATILAND GREY, CHIEF

~~Katiland~~ Gray

MIKE FENNEL, DEPUTY CHIEF

Mike Fennell