

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Van Zandt County Emergency Services District No. 3, Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 7:00 PM, South Van Zandt Volunteer Fire Department Station No. 4.

24632 State Highway 64, Building B,

Canton, Texas 75103

In Compliance with provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given of a regular meeting of the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of Van Zandt County Emergency Services District No. 3, to be held at above-named location, date, and time.

AGENDA

1. Call to order and establish quorum.

Board President Marvin Shaw opened the meeting at 7:04 pm. A quorum was established with four members present; Marvin Shaw, Sue baugh, Scott Opitz, and Brian Cummins.

Brian Cummins led in an opening prayer.

2. Read and approve minutes of the Van Zandt County emergency services District # 3 regular meeting for March 12, 2019.

Scott Opitz made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction; change the date February 13, 2019 to March 12, 2020. Brian Cummins seconded. Motion carried.

3. Recognition of citizens; Citizen comment (Any individual may make a presentation relevant to the business of the District of not more than three (3) minutes to the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners, after executing the proper form, which may be obtained from the secretary).

None

4. Discuss and consider submitted financial reports by SVZVFD.

SVZVFD President Tim Meredith presented the monthly financial report. No action required.

5. Discuss and consider reports from SVZVFD.

SVZVFD President Tim Meredith reported that the fire department is still on high alert because of Covid-19. Tim also reported they had fought three house fires recently. The new bunker gear came in but was not a good fit for all firemen.

Tim asked for an additional \$10,000.00 to help with their budget. Some firemen have been manning Station #4 while on furlough from their regular jobs putting SVZVFD budget in a deficit.

6. Discuss and consider treasurer's report and any outstanding bills to be paid.

Board Treasurer Scott Opitz presented the financial report. Brian Cummins made a motion to accept the report and pay bills; SVZVFD--\$6,774.00 and VFIS--\$7,778.00. Sue Baugh seconded. Motion carried.

Brian Cummins made a motion to pay SVZVFD \$10,000.00 to supplement their budget to pay volunteer fireman for manning the station while on furlough from their regular jobs. Scott Opitz seconded. Motion carried.

7. Discuss and consider 2018/2019 Audit.

Board President Marvin Shaw recognized David Wilkerson and Scott Opitz for a good job on keeping records to make the audits successful.

Sue Baugh made a motion to accept the audit as presented. Brian Cummins seconded. Motion carried.

David Wilkerson was assigned to take copies of the audit to the County Judge and the Commissioners when the copies are available.

8. Discuss and consider potential acquisition of land for a new station.

SVZVFD Chief Greg Beverly, Firemen Kim Clark, and Eric Tabraham reported on a lot located at 24141 St. Hwy. 64. The lot is approximately one acre measuring 100' by 450'. Cost could possibly be as low as \$21,190.00. The owner's last name is Cuthbertson.

Kim Clark gave a rough estimate on a building to be \$329,000.00. He had a possible layout of the potential building.

Sue Baugh made motion to give SVZVFD permission to pursue the land purchase and a special called meeting would be held for final approval. Scott Opitz seconded. Motion carried.

Chief Beverly stated that the land on Hwy.243 could still be on the table if getting water to the property could be worked out. To get City of Canton to bring water to the site would cost around \$150,000.00. Myrtle Springs Water Corporation is still working on their cost estimate.

9. Discuss and consider setting date, time, and place for the next meeting of the Commissioners.

The next regular meeting was set for July 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

10. Adjourn.

Brian Cummins made a motion to adjourn. Scott Opitz seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Marvin Shaw, Board President

This is to certify that the foregoing Notice of Meeting and Agenda of the Van Zandt County Emergency Services District No. 3 is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I have posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the door of the Van Zandt County Courthouse and at the South Van Zandt Volunteer Fire Department Station No. 4, 24632 State Highway 64, Building B, Canton, Texas, at places readily accessible to the general public at all times on this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Minutes prepared by;

David L. Wilkerson

David Wilkerson, Board Secretary

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