

Minutes of Van Zandt ESD#3 Meeting
November 11, 2021

The regular meeting of Van Zandt ESD#3 was called to order by President Marvin Shaw at 7:00 pm. Brian Cummins opened the meeting with a prayer. A quorum was established. Board members present were: Marvin Shaw, Sue Baugh, Scott Opitz, Heath Morris and Brian Cummins.

Brian Cummins read the minutes of the October 14, 2021 meeting. Scott Opitz moved to accept the minutes as read. Sue Baugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was no citizen input.

Tim Meredith gave his report from SVZVFD. He reported that SVZVFD had several line items that had underages. The exception was Emergency Reporting Services. Meredith reported that it looked like the SVZVFD would have an estimated \$25,000.00 surplus. He said they are required to get to a \$0.00 balance. He suggested that SVZVFD give the money to ESD#3 to be put in a separate account that they could ask for it back for equipment. Meredith said there is a need for an electric jaws of life on pumper. Scott Opitz moved to take the surplus if any was to be had and put it in ESD#3's capital improvements account. Brian Cummins seconded the motion. Opitz said that this would leave a cleaner audit trail. The motion carried.

Tim Meredith submitted his financial report by email. He reported that nothing out of the ordinary happened. No action required.

Scott Opitz gave his financial report. He reported the following checks:

#1351 -	\$1715.00	VFIS of Texas for insurance
#1352 -	\$20,336.00	SVZVFD for contractual services
Deposit	\$1755.04	from VZCAD for tax collections

Brian Cummins moved to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Sue Baugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Scott Opitz reported that he had a discussion with one of the area contractors that we had contacted about dirt and concrete work. There is some reluctance to make a bid without all contractors bidding on the same specifications. Brian Sherwood from SVZVFD said he would get the name of contractor that is building the new station in Wills Point. Scott Opitz said he will get the contact information on some architects that he had previously contacted. The plan is to get someone to develop a set of building specifications based on what the planning committee has decided. No action required.

Marvin Shaw reported that we are still waiting on engineering report before we can proceed with entrance driveway on new property. Utilities have all been marked. No action taken.

Marvin Shaw reported that he had received a letter from VZCAD that showed a difference in appraisal rate from what we used to set tax rate.

The difference is:

\$490,467.76 (the amount used to figure tax rate)

\$489,965.50 (the new actual valuation figure)

\$497.26 the amount that the budget will have to be reduced.

Brian Cummins moved to accept the new rate and adjust the budget accordingly. Heath Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting of Van Zandt ESD#3 was set for December 9 at 7:00 pm in station #4.

Sue Baugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Heath Morris seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by

Brian Cummins

Board Secretary