

Minutes of Van Zandt ESD#3 Meeting
December 9, 2021

The regular meeting of Van Zandt ESD#3 was called to order by President Marvin Shaw at 7:02 pm. Brian Cummins opened the meeting with a prayer. A quorum was established. Board members present were: Marvin Shaw, Sue Baugh, Heath Morris and Brian Cummins.

Brian Cummins read the minutes of the November 11, 2021 meeting. There was one correction made. Sue Baugh moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Heath Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was no citizen input.

Tim Meredith gave his report from SVZVFD. He included a budget for SVZVFD and a summary of activities for the past year. Meredith also reported that Engine #2 was at FireTech to have repairs made. He estimated costs at between \$10,000 and \$12,000. Brian Cummins moved to accept the report. Heath Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Tim Meredith presented his financial report for SVZVFD that had been emailed to ESD commissioners. No action required.

SVZVFD Fire Chief Gregg Beverly gave a report on the need for a extrication device. He reported that SVZVFD responded to 154 motor vehicle accidents so far this year (127 in district and 27 out of district). 44 of those accidents required the use of extrication equipment. Beverly reported that SVZVFD had 4 sets of equipment (1 set is 17 years old and the other 3 are 24 years old) and there was a need to upgrade equipment because of the new alloy and high strength steel used in modern vehicles. No action taken.

Marvin Shaw asked Chief Gregg Beverly to develop a 5-year plan for capital equipment needs prioritizing the needs of the department. Beverly reported that he had already been working on that project. In addition to the need for extrication equipment, the fire engines were getting a lot of hours on them. His recommendation would be to replace the engines in this order:

- 1) Engine #4 (1997 model) Spartan with 49,947 miles
- 2) Engine # 3 (1999 model) E-one with 97,000 miles
- 3) Engine #1 (2003 model) International with 36,115 miles
- 4) Engine #2 (2004 model) Spartan with 40,938 miles

Beverly said he would continue to develop a long range plan. No action taken.

There was no treasurer's report due to Scott Opitz's absence. Bills were submitted:

SVZVFD	\$14,331.00	for contractual services
VZCAD	\$5717.32	for collections

Brian Cummins moved to authorize the treasurer to pay the bills. Sue Baugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was a discussion on the new station design. Marvin Shaw reported that Abbott Engineering had done a topography study and determined the drainage impact that the new

station would cause. He reported a new engineer at TXDOT said that they would allow a 40 ft. driveway. Shaw asked Beverly and Meredith if that width was sufficient or do we need to ask for a variance. Both SVZVFD representatives said that a wider entrance would be better to get the trucks safely off the road. Shaw also said he would talk to TXDOT about adding warning lights. No action required.

There was discussion on the phases of the new station. First thing is to get the entrance issues and runoff with TXDOT settled. There was talk about what would be best material for drive ways and how big of a pad was needed. Contractors have asked for building specifications so that when they submit bids for construction that are all on the same page. This may include use of an architect to get specifications which will add to costs. No action taken.

The ESD report to the state is due January 1, 2022. Sue Baugh moved and Heath Morris seconded a motion to authorize secretary Brian Cummins to fill out and submit the form. The motion carried. Cummins then asked for some help on some questions.

The next meeting was set for January 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Station #4. Brian Cummins moved to adjourn the meeting and Sue Baugh seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Submitted by

Brian Cummins

Secretary Van Zandt ESD #3