

Minutes of Van Zandt ESD #3 Meeting
April 14, 2022

The regular meeting of Van Zandt ESD#3 was called to order by President Marvin Shaw at 7:05 pm. A quorum was deemed present with the following board members present: Marvin Shaw, Sue Baugh, Scott Opitz, Heath Morris and Brian Cummins. Brian Cummins opened the meeting with a prayer.

Brian Cummins read the minutes of the March 10, 2022 meeting. Scott Opitz moved to accept the minutes with the following corrections – “read the minutes of the February 1, 2022 meeting” instead of January 13, 2022 and in the treasurer’s report the amount of check #1373 was supposed to be \$738.30 instead of \$738.80. Sue Baugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was no citizen input.

Tim Meredith gave his report from SVZVFD. He reported that the department had been quite busy and that February – March period had nearly doubled the number of calls. Meredith said they had to have transmission repaired on brush truck #4. SVZVFD member, Ron Beaver, presented a detailed 5- year plan for the fire department. It provided projections on growth in area and projected needs. No action required.

Tim Meredith presented his financial report for SVZVFD. He included the following bills - \$1,900.00 to Meyers Salvage for a transmission, \$1,939.06 to Barton Transmission for installing and repairs, a bill for \$1577.13 for 3 sections of hose that had been damaged in some grass fires, \$1225.00 to Canton Garage Door for repairs of door at Station #1. He also reported that a tire blew out on tanker #4 and after examining the other tires, they need to be replaced. He presented a bill from 4Z Trucking \$4,000.00 for 8 tires and a bill from Scott & Son for \$1432.50 for repairs to airbags and suspension caused by the tire blowout. He also noted that it was costing a great deal more to fill up the trucks due to increase in fuel prices. Brian Cummins moved to pay the bills. Heath Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ron Beaver of SVZVFD gave an update on efforts report incidences to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) and the Texas Fire Reporting System (TEXFIRS). He said that the department had been lax but increased effort was being done which might help in securing grants as it documents efforts by SVZVFD. No action required.

Scott Opitz gave the treasurer’s report. He reported that the following checks need to be written:

Ck 1374	Abbott Engineering	contracted services	\$500.00
Ck 1375	SVZVFD	emergency services	\$17,706.00

We received a check from VZ CAD for taxes collected in the amount of \$7,050.25. Heath Morris moved to transfer \$120,000.00 from the checking account to the operating CD. Brian

Cummins seconded the motion. The motion carried. Brian Cummins moved to pay the bills. Sue Baugh seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Marvin Shaw reported that he had distributed bids to put in the driveway to 3 contractors the day after our March meeting, but has only received one bid back. Scott Opitz moved to accept JCN Excavation's bid for \$9,980.00 to create the driveway to Abbott Engineering and TXDOT's specifications. Heath Morris seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Marvin Shaw reported on correspondence with the ESD's attorney, Ken Campbell, concerning the proceeds from the wrecked fire truck. He advised that the district should be the loss payee on the insurance and the proceeds should go to the district. The district can then use the funds as it sees fit. No action required.

Heath Morris reported on refurbishing existing jaws of life. He had found that the cost to replace the hoses on 3 of the Amicus units would be \$7,000.00 and another \$5,500 to replace hoses on 2 other units that SVZVFD had with certified 10,000 PSI hoses. He did say he had found other 10,000 PSI hoses that were considerably cheaper but could not be certified. SVZVFD chief, Greg Beverly reported that one set of the jaws had actually broken and suggested that we hold up replacing the hoses and look at replacing the entire unit. No action taken.

Marvin Shaw reported that the architect for the new fire station would be with us at our May meeting. He received a survey for the board and SVZVFD responders selected by the chief to fill out and return by next week on identifying what needs to be included in the fire station plan. No action required.

SVZVFD chief Greg Beverly gave a detailed report on outfitting the new truck. His itemized list of needed repairs and equipment came to \$26,354.00. Looking back at the February minutes, the board had authorized expenditures to refurbish the truck not to exceed \$27,000.00. No action required.

Sue Baugh moved to set the next meeting for May 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm in Station #4. Brian Cummins seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Scott Opitz moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Heath Morris. Motion passed and President Marvin Shaw adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Submitted by

Brian Cummins

Van Zandt ESD #3 Secretary