

Minutes of Van Zandt ESD #3 Meeting
October 13, 2022

The regular meeting of Van Zandt ESD#3 was called to order by President Marvin Shaw at 7:02 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 September 8 2022 meeting. Sue Baugh moved to accept the minutes with the correction of ck #1413 to read \$13,198.04. Heath Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried

There was no citizen input.

Tim Meredith gave his report from SVZVFD. He brought the specifications for the brush truck. He explained the difference between a F-450 and a F-550. The F-550 has a 1000 lb. more carrying capacity. The cost of cab and chassis is estimated to be between \$60,000 and \$65,000. A bed is estimated to be \$15,000. The skid unit to fit on the truck is estimated to be between \$25,000 and \$27,500. Meredith reported on going to the Texas forest Service about a grant to help with equipment. He reported there were over \$250,000,000 in requests for \$7,000,000 in available funds. We did not get a grant. Meredith presented a bill for \$500.00 from Fire Supply, Inc. for shipping costs on parts. Brian Cummins moved to accept the report and to pay the bill. Scott Opitz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tim Meredith gave his financial report on SVZVFD. No action required.

Scott Opitz presented the treasurers report. We had deposits of \$2,441.52 from VZ CAD for taxes. He reported that the following checks had been written:

Ck 1417	Burn, Anderson & Jury	contracted service	\$ 480.00
Ck 1418	Wallace & Murray	Insurance	\$ 200.00
Ck 1419	Pattillo, Brown & Hill	contracted service	\$ 200.00
Ck 1420	Van Zandt Newspapers	Advertisement	\$ 652.00
Ck 1421	SVZVFD	contracted service	\$ 12,751.00
Ck 1422	Fire Supply, Inc.	Shipping costs	\$ 521.26

Scott Opitz explained the bill from Wallace & Murray was a fidelity bond to cover board commissioners. Sue Baugh moved to accept the treasurer's report and to pay the bills. Heath Morris seconded the motion the motion carried.

Marvin Shaw opened a discussion on replacing brush truck #4. He said that because the cost of truck would be more than \$50,000, we would need to have 3 bids. Bids will need to be brought to the November meeting. No action taken.

Fire chief Greg Beverly gave a report on getting the tank replaced on tanker #3. No action required.

Greg Beverly made a presentation on the need for electric jaws of life for extrications in accidents. The present set of equipment is 20 years old and requires a small gasoline engine to run the hydraulic pump. We are in need of an upgrade. Scott Opitz moved to purchase a complete set. Sue Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Marvin Shaw asked the board had they polled neighbors about instituting a sales tax as a way to fund the ESD. There was some discussion on using the sales tax to reduce dependence on property taxes. Marvin Shaw said he would consult with our attorney on the matter. No action taken.

Brian Cummins asked for help in completing the form for annual report to the state for Van Zandt County Emergency Services District #3. No action required.

A discussion was held on a letter from VZCAD requesting the need for a resolution to accept the VZCAD's tax levy of \$780,755.66. Heath Morris moved to accept the tax levy and send the resolution. Scott Opitz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sue Baugh moved to set the November meeting for November 10 at 7:00 pm in Fire Station #4. Heath Morris seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Brian Cummins moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Sue Baugh. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Submitted by

Brian Cummins

Secretary, Van Zandt ESD # 3