

Minutes of Van Zandt ESD #3 Meeting
December 15, 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 November 10, 2022 meeting. Sue Baugh moved to accept the minutes as read. Heath Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried

There was no citizen input.

Tim Meredith gave his report from SVZVFD. He reported that the Commissioners Court wants to upgrade the communication system for county wide coverage. They need to put in 5 towers. The county is wanting to provide a few radios. SVZVFD is in negotiation for more radios and putting the tower at station #3 in the Old Bethel community. Meredith turned in a bill for \$741.91 from Fire Supply Inc. for equipment/tool. Brian Cummins moved to accept the report and pay the bill. Scott Opitz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Scott Opitz gave the financial report for VZ ESD #3. He reported the following checks have been written:

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| Ck 1428 | Fire Supply Inc. | Equipment | \$ 741.91 |
| Ck 1429 | VZCAD | Contracted services | \$ 6,439.60 |
| Ck 1430 | SVZVFD | Contracted services | \$25,157.70 |
| Ck 1431 | Heath Morris | Re-imbusement for CEU's | \$ 125.00 |

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

Marvin Shaw discussed the budget relative to the new tax rate. No action taken.

There was discussion on purchasing a second set of Jaws of Life. Sue Baugh moved to purchase a second set. Heath Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There was a discussion on replacing the water tank on Tanker #3. Chief Greg Beverly reported the manufacturer is coming to take measurements so that tank will slide right in frame. He reported there is an ongoing negotiation with manufacturer about SVZVFD doing the installation. No action required.

Marvin Shaw led a discussion on what "prevailing rates" were and how it pertains to the new station. No action required.

Marvin Shaw presented a new proposal from McLemore Building of Navasota, TX on design and cost estimate of new fire station. Design fees are not to exceed \$20,000.00. Estimated costs of building was \$963,985.00 with possible additions of \$17,500.00 for standing seam roof, \$23,000.00 for two Big Ass fans and \$5000.00 for electric doors. No action taken.

Marvin Shaw reported that Brian Cummins and Sue Baugh need to complete paperwork and submit to the County Judge's office. Cummins reported that he has already submitted his paperwork. No action required.

There was a discussion on Continuing Education requirements. Marvin Shaw reported that commissioners are expected to get 6 CEU's every two years. No action taken.

Marvin Shaw reported on bonding requirements for ESD commissioners. We are covered. He reported the County Judge sets the bond requirement. Mo action taken.

Marvin Shaw led a discussion on a sales tax as a possible revenue source. He laid out dates that had to be observed. No action taken.

Brian Cummins moved to hold the next meeting of Van Zandt ESD #3 on January 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Station #4. Scott Opitz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sue Baugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Scott Opitz seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Submitted by

Brian Cummins

Secretary, Van Zandt ESD # 3