

Minutes of Van Zandt ESD #3 Meeting
February 2, 2023

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

Brian Cummins read the minutes of the January 12, 2023 meeting. Scott Opitz moved to accept the minutes as read. Heath Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried

Randall Yowell spoke to the board about financial transparency.

Tim Meredith gave his report from SVZVFD that included the invoices for the new tank and bed for brush truck that was previously approved. Greg Beverly reported that just this past week SVZVFD made 21 runs including a structure fire. He said that the ice storm has caused an increase in the amount of man power needed. No action required.

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 deposits and checks that have been written:

Deposit		Tax collection	\$66,692.97
Deposit		Tax sale	\$ 989.81
Ck 1435	Alum-Line	Equipment	\$ 4,700.00
Ck 1436	Burns Anderson Jury	Contracted services	\$ 40.00
Ck 1437	SVZVFD	Emergency Services	\$27,007.30
Ck 1438	Plas Mac	Equipment	\$27,320.50

Heath Morris moved to accept the treasurer's report and to move the funds. Brian Cummins seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Greg Beverly reported that the tank for the brush is ready to be picked up. The bed is supposed to be ready at the end of February. SVZVFD members are looking at a different skid unit that should be much lower in costs but not sacrifice quality. No action required.

There was a discussion on conversations with the different county commissioners about the possibility of VZ ESD#3 purchasing the SVZVFD station #4. Scott Opitz, Brian Cummins and Greg Beverly reported on their conversations. There was some discussion on drainage and if recent work had fixed the problem. Scott Opitz moved to allow Marvin Shaw to begin negotiations at \$100,000.00 cash and the trade of our 2 acres on Hwy 64. Heath Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Scott Opitz moved to table the agenda item to consider calling for an election for a sales tax. Heath Morris seconded the motion to lay on the table. The motion carried.

Brian Cummins moved to hold the next meeting of Van Zandt ESD #3 on March 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Station #4. Heath Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Heath Morris moved to adjourn the meeting. Brian Cummins seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Submitted by

Brian Cummins

Secretary, Van Zandt ESD # 3