

Minutes of Van Zandt ESD #3 Meeting  
April 6, 2023

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 March 9, 2023 meeting. Sue Baugh moved to accept the minutes with the corrections Brian Cummins made as he read the minutes. Heath Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried

There was no citizen input.

Tim Meredith reported that he had contacted the insurance carrier about in-service network and we should see a reduction in premium costs. No action required.

Tim Meredith reported on the value of having a ladder truck to the department. He reported they purchased the truck at auction for \$12,750.00 plus \$1275.00 buyer premium for a total of \$14,025.00. They used a wire transfer to pay and got a discount. Total paid was \$13,642.50. Vehicle is titled to SVZVFD. Marvin Shaw asked for an amount to get the truck in service. No action taken.

In a discussion on modifications of the 5-year plan, Gregg Beverly reported that SVZVFD has 3 volunteers that are presently certified to drive the new ladder truck and that more will be trained. Insurance from VFIS is going up to \$1679.50 per quarter. The new ladder truck and new brush truck need to be added to the 5-year plan. No action taken.

Tim Meredith gave his report from SVZVFD. No action required.

Tim Meredith gave his financial report for SVZVFD. He had previously emailed his report. No action required.

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

Deposit	VZCAD	Tax receipts	\$21,817.73
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Ck 1445	DACO Fire Equipment	Equipment	\$35,020.00
Ck 1446	Alum-Line	Equipment	\$10,997.00
Ck 1447	Burn Anderson Jury	Contracted services	\$ 1,626.30
Ck 1448	Wallace & Murray	Insurance	\$ 25.00
Ck 1449	Marvin Shaw	Travel & Meeting	\$ 996.88
Ck 1450	SVZVFD	Contracted services	\$26,607.30

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

Gregg Beverly reported that the new tank for tanker #3 was nearly ready. They need to replace a few more fittings and then it will be ready to be in service. No action required.

Marvin Shaw reported that the new brush truck is in transit and should be at the dealer soon. No action required.

In a discussion on purchasing the present location of station #4, Marvin Shaw reported that the county could not sell the property for less than what is on the appraisal rolls at VZCAD. Scott Opitz, Brian Cummins, Sue Baugh and Heath Morris all expressed concerns and reservations about the present building. Brian Cummins moved to drop the negotiations on the station. Heath Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed. Brian Cummins moved that Scott Opitz and Marvin Shaw be appointed to secure bids on architectural design for new station. Sue Baugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Marvin Shaw reported on what had been done concerning the May 6 sales tax election. No action required.

Marvin Shaw brought up concern about having funds over the FDIC limit in any one institution. He said he would check on this. No action taken.

Scott Opitz reported that he had been contacted by our auditor about beginning the audit. He will start getting records together. No action required.

Brian Cummins moved to hold the next meeting of Van Zandt ESD #3 on May 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Station #4. Scott Opitz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sue Baugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Heath Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Submitted by

*Brian Cummins*

Secretary, Van Zandt ESD # 3

