

Minutes of Van Zandt ESD #3 Meeting
May 11, 2023

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

Brian Cummins read the minutes of the April 6, 2023 meeting. Sue Baugh moved to accept the minutes as read. Scott Opitz seconded the motion. The motion carried

There was no citizen input, but 2 guests were present.

Marvin Shaw reported that the election to raise the sales tax by 2% up to 8.25% in the ESD failed 122 to 147. Bills to conduct the election were presented. The bills totaled \$9532.50 and are included in the treasurer's report. No action required.

Bob Hargrove reported on the status of the ladder truck. He stated the following estimates to get the truck operational:

Ladder testing	\$3500
Radios	\$6000
Headsets	\$8500
Hand tools	\$5000
Generator	<u>\$1500</u>
Total	\$24,500

Scott Opitz moved to purchase the ladder truck from SVZVFD for \$13,642.50 pay for the upgrades up to \$24,500 to get the truck operational. Sue Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tim Meredith and Bob Hargrove gave a report on updating the 5 Year plan. Hargrove said that there was an immediate need for radios, bunker gear and air packs. The radios are needed because the county is implementing a new communications system and our old radios will not work with the new system and there will be no way to communicate with other first responders. Much of the bunker gear is aged and worn and needs to be replaced. The same with the air packs. He and Tim Meredith gave the following estimates:

12 radios per budget year @ \$5000 each	\$60,000.00
5 sets of bunker gear @ \$6000 each	\$30,000.00
4 new Scott air packs @ \$7,500 each	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
Total	\$120,000.00

No action taken.

Tim Meredith gave his report from SVZVFD. He presented an estimate to repair the motor and other things on tanker #4 for \$12,203.31. He also said that Aluma-Line was making the bed we had purchased right as they had got the wrong measurements. No action required.

Tim Meredith gave his financial report for SVZVFD. He had previously emailed his report. He submitted a bill for insurance on the new truck. 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	\$12,205.44
Ck 1451	Bill Fick Ford	Equipment	\$58,812.54
Ck 1452	SVZVFD	Contracted services	\$16,287.30
Ck 1453	Burn Anderson Jury	Contracted services	\$ 2,516.20
Ck 1454	Van Zandt Newspapers	Advertisement	\$ 148.90
Ck 1455	Elizabeth Lenz	Contracted services	\$ 1,600.00
Ck 1456	Sherril Lenz	Contracted services	\$ 1,625.00
Ck 1457	Molly Ward	Contracted services	\$ 290.00
Ck 1458	Carol Abbott	Contracted services	\$ 30.00
Ck 1459	Laurie Graham	Contracted services	\$ 290.00
Ck 1460	Van Zandt County	Contracted Services	\$ 330.00
Ck 1461	VFIS of Texas	Insurance	\$ 1,679.50
Ck 1462	Election Systems	Contracted Services	\$ 1,036.87
Ck 1463	VFIS Of Texas	Insurance	\$ 2,075.60
Ck 1464	G&B Farms	Equipment Repair	\$22,925.00
Ck 1465	SVZVFD	Equipment	\$13,642.50

Brian Cummins moved to accept the treasurer's report and to pay the bills. Sue Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed. Scott Opitz moved to transfer \$75,000.00 from CD to checking account. Brian Cummins seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There was a discussion on tanker 3. Brian Cummins moved to make a progress payment on the tanker to Price International. Sue Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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Marvin Shaw led a discussion on constructing a new fire station. He said he had found a new architect that understood our budget constraints. Brian Cummins moved to hire Ryan McLemore of McLemore Luong. Sue Baugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Marvin Shaw reported that he had gotten the interest raised from 1.5% to 4% on funds on deposit. No action required.

Scott Opitz reported that he had been in contact with our auditor and things were progressing. No action required.

Sue Baugh moved to hold the next meeting of Van Zandt ESD #3 on June 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Station #4. Brian Cummins 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 9:46 pm.

Submitted by

Brian Cummins

Secretary, Van Zandt ESD # 3