

Minutes of Van Zandt ESD #3 Meeting  
October 12, 2023

The regular meeting of Van Zandt ESD#3 was called to order by President Marvin Shaw at 7:11 pm. A quorum was deemed present with the following board members present: Marvin Shaw, Scott Opitz, Sue Baugh, and Heath Morris.

Heath Morris read the minutes of the September 14, 2023 meeting. Sue Baugh made the motion to accept the minutes. Scott Opitz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The VZCAD had sent a revised total tax levy of \$841,966.53. Scott Opitz made the motion to accept the new tax levy. Sue Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There was no citizen input.

Tim Meredith gave a report from SVZVFD. He said that SVZVFD had paid \$1,447.31 for equipment and would need to be reimbursed. He also submitted a bill from 1<sup>st</sup>-In for radio mounting equipment for \$777.50

There was no financial report from SVZVFD.

Scott Opitz gave the financial report for VZESD #3. The report showed the following transactions:

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| Deposit | VZCAD                 | for tax collections | \$ 4,264.13 |
| Ck 1495 | SVZVFD                | Contract Services   | \$20,131.30 |
| Ck 1496 | VZ News               | Advertising         | \$ 615.00   |
| CK 1497 | Patillo, Brown & Hill | Contract Services   | \$ 700.00   |

Scott suggested that we move \$51,697.98 into the checking account. Sue Baugh made a motion to accept the treasurers' report and pay the bills. Heath Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Tim Meredith reported on VZ County's new radio communications system. No action required.

Tim Meredith reported to the board on the status of new brush truck #4. It is not complete yet; the work is still in progress. The estimated \$8,000.00 radio increase reported last month was false. The original \$65,000.00 budget for the brush truck build is looking to still be accurate. No action taken.

Marvin Shaw reported on slight progress of architecture firm. No action required.

Tim Meredith reported on the status of the ladder truck. It is not complete yet. No action taken.

Scott Opitz reported on the status of the audit. It is now complete and has been submitted to the county. No action required.

Marvin Shaw reported on a citizen's request for a response to action taken by the board. The complaint was turned over to Van Zandt ESD #3's attorney, Burns, Anderson, Jury & Brenner, LLP provided a response on their legal opinion on each point of the complaint. Their response will be included as part of the minutes (see attachment). A copy will be sent to the complainant. No further action required.

Sue Baugh moved to hold the next meeting of ESD #3 on November 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm in Station #4. Heath Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sue Baugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Heath Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by

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Secretary, Van Zandt ESD # 3