

Minutes of Van Zandt ESD #3 Meeting
November 9, 2023

The regular meeting of Van Zandt ESD#3 was called to order by President Marvin Shaw at 7:06 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.

The minutes of the October meeting were unavailable and will be read at the December meeting. No action taken.

Tonda Curry, Van Zandt County District Attorney, was recognized as a guest. There was no citizen input.

Tim Meredith gave his report from South Van Zandt Volunteer Fire Department. He reported on the number of calls in which the department responded – 43. Of those calls, 30% were fire related, 9% were Moving Vehicle Accidents and 61% were medical related. He turned in some bills from VFIS for \$1679.50 for insurance and a bill from First-In Emergency Services for \$65.00 for shipping. No action required.

Tim Meredith submitted the financial report for SVZVFD for October. No action required.

Scott Opitz gave the financial report for ESD # 3. The report showed the following deposits and checks:

Deposit		Misc revenue	\$ 47.96
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Ck 1500	SVZVFD	Contract Services	\$14,607.30
Ck 1501	VFIS of Texas	Insurance	\$ 1,715.00
Ck 1502	Safe-D	Membership dues	\$ 550.00
Ck 1503	Ron Beaver	Contract Services	\$ 380.00
Ck 1504	Burns Anderson & Jury	Contract Services	\$ 1,076.83

Sue Baugh made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Heath Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Marvin Shaw and Tim Meredith reported on the workshop the county commissioners held on the new radio system. Marvin reported that commissioners voted at their regular meeting not to purchase radios for any of the cities or ESD's. No action taken.

Marvin Shaw and Sue Baugh reported on a meeting with County Commissioners Barton and Melton concerning interest of ESD #3 purchasing the property where station #4 is located. Sue

Baugh moved to form a committee of Brian Cummins and Marvin Shaw to meet and negotiate with the county. Heath Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Marvin Shaw reported that the architectural firm we were dealing with on the new station has dissolved. There was some discussion that with the impending situation of having to purchase new radios for the responders, 4 base stations and units for each truck, we could not build a new station and the radios. No action taken.

Tim Meredith updated the board on the status of the new brush truck. No action required.

Tim Meredith reported that SVZVFD members were being trained on how to operate the ladder truck. No action taken.

Marvin Shaw announced that he was stepping down from the board at the end of his term which is the end of December. Scott Opitz said he had someone in mind to suggest to the commissioners court. No action required.

Brian Cummins moved to hold the next meeting of the ESD #3 on December 14 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. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Submitted by

Brian Cummins

Secretary, Van Zandt ESD # 3