

Minutes of Van Zandt ESD #3 Meeting  
December 14, 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, Heath Morris, and Brian Cummins. Brian Cummins opened the meeting with a prayer.

Brian Cummins read the minutes of the October meeting. Sue Baugh moved to accept the minutes as read. Heath Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed. Brian Cummins then read the minutes of the November 8, 2023 meeting. Scott Opitz moved to accept the minutes with one correction (Ck # 1503 should be \$380.00). Sue Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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 – 59. The majority of those were medical related calls. He turned in some bills for equipment. Gregg Beverly, SVZVFD Chief also addressed the number of responses. He reported on an experiment that SVZVFD had done on days and times of most incidents. No action required.

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

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

Deposit		Tax revenue	\$ 25,476.15
Ck 1505	VFIS of Texas	Insurance	\$ 1,679.50
Ck 1506	First In Emergency	Equipment	\$ 65.00
Ck 1507	Burns Anderson & Jury	Contract Services	\$ 300.00
Ck 1508	VZCAD	Contract Services	\$ 7,460.13

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

Marvin Shaw reported on negotiations with commissioners on the East Annex property where Station #4 is located. They turned down our offer and countered with an offer of \$296,000.00 less \$14,400.00 that has been paid over the years in rent in lieu of the monthly stipend paid to other volunteer fire departments. Scott Opitz moved to purchase the property that contains the station and the tax office for \$296,000 less \$14,400.00 for a total of \$281,600.00. Brian Cummins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Marvin Shaw appointed Brian Cummins and Heath Morris to negotiate with the county on leasing the office building back to the county for two years, removal of the bus, leave the RV shed and negotiate terms of the lease.

There was nothing to report on the status of the new communication system.

Gregg Beverly reported that brush truck #4 is still being outfitted. No action required.

Gregg Beverly reported that SVZVFD members were being trained to drive the ladder truck. No action required.

Due to scheduling conflicts, Heath Morris moved to hold the next meeting on January 4, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Station 4. Sue Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Brian Cummins moved to adjourn the meeting. Scott Opitz seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Submitted by

*Brian Cummins*

Secretary, Van Zandt ESD # 3