

October 15, 2024

Minutes of Van Zandt County ESD#3 Regular Meeting

- 1) The regular meeting of Van Zandt County ESD#3 was called to order by President Brian Cummins at 7:00 pm. A quorum was deemed present with the following members present: Brian Cummins, Sue Baugh, Scott Opitz, Heath Morris, and Dustin McClendon. Brian Cummins brought the opening prayer.
- 2) Dustin McClendon read the minutes for the September 12, 2024 meeting. A couple of minor corrections were made. Heath Morris made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Scott Opitz seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) There was no citizen input.
- 4) Tim Meredith gave a report on SVZVFD. An equipment estimate was presented from Casco for \$3,230.58. The fire dept. has been maintaining two staffed positions for 10 hours a day to help with a quick response due to enhanced wildfire danger from dry conditions. The fire dept. has implemented a new reimbursement schedule in efforts to be able to cover all calls for service.
 - *on-call staffing (2 people) 8-6, \$12/hr for 10 hrs/day
 - *overnight 1-2 people (12 hrs) \$50/person with EMS squad
 - *on-call \$1/hr to be available, plus \$15/call
 - *any calls ran get \$15/call
- 5) Tim Meredith gave the financial report for SVZVFD. Heath Morris made a motion to accept the financial report. Dustin McClendon seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Scott Opitz gave the VZCESD#3 financial report:

*9/03 Deposit	VZCAD	tax received	+\$5,167.70
*10/15 #1563	SVZVFD	emergency services	-\$20,120.91
*10/15 #1564	Gabe Beverly	mowing SH64 lot	-\$500.00
Operating CD	\$110,291.64		
Capital CD	\$602,382.05		

Heath Morris made a motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Sue Baugh seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7) Randy Yowell gave a report on the septic system at Sta.#4. He recommended that it be pumped and contracted with a company for maintenance. Sue Baugh made a motion to go with Myrtle Springs Aerobic for septic service and maintenance. Dustin McClendon seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed. Scott Opitz was authorized to sign the service contract.
- 8) Brian Cummins reported on the status of the electric bill for Station #4. Because of a communication breakdown, the electricity did not get changed over to our name upon the purchase of the property for approximately 6 weeks. Scott Opitz made a motion to pay the electric bill for that time. Dustin McClendon seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9) Greg Beverly gave a report on Engines 1,3, & 4. Engine 4 is being fixed but waiting on parts. Engines 1 & 3 failed the pump test because of leaking valves. They will be addressed one at a time. No action taken.

- 10) Greg Beverly gave a report on equipment and ground ladders replacement mainly for Truck 4. He provided an estimate for \$7,562.20. Scott Opitz made a motion to table this until we were able to secure Truck 4 inside the building. Dustin McClendon seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- 11) Greg Beverly reported on electric and hydraulic repair on Truck 4. He provided an estimate for \$19,294.13. Scott Opitz made a motion to table this. Dustin McClendon seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- 12) Brian Cummins discussed establishing a building committee adding onto Station 4. The committee members are as follows: Cody Craig, Brian Sherwood, Bob Hargrove, Scott Opitz, and Heath Morris.
- 13) Ron Beaver reported on the ongoing website update. No action taken.
- 14) There was some discussion about getting bids to mow the SH 64 lot. We already have a current agreement with Gabe Beverly if it needs to be mowed again this season. An invoice was submitted for him mowing the last two months. Sue Baugh made a motion to pay the invoice. Dustin McClendon seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- 15) Sue Baugh made a motion to set the next meeting for November 14 @ 7pm. Dustin McClendon seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- 16) Heath Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dustin McClendon seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned @ 8:12 pm.

Submitted by,

Heath Morris
Secretary VZCESD#3