

KAUFMAN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #3
MINUTES FROM June 9, 2026

Present: Commissioners: Denny Oats, Chuck Carpenter, Tommy Brockway, Stan Hamm, and Scott Boyd
Fire Departments: ASVFD, CMVFD, EVFD and TVFD

1. **Call meeting to order.** President Denny Oats declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. **Public comment on items not on the Agenda.** Denny Oats read the statement about public comments on items not on the agenda. No public comment was presented.
3. **Public comment on Agenda items.** Denny Oats read the statement about public comments on agenda items. No public comment was presented.

Administrative

4. **Review and consider approval of May 12, 2026, meeting minutes.** Chuck Carpenter moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 12, 2026. Stan Hamm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

5. **Receive monthly report from the Treasurer and consider:**
 - (a) **Approval of reimbursements;** There were no reimbursements.
 - (b) **Approval of payment of monthly bills, invoices, and contract payments;** Chuck Carpenter moved to approve payment of the bills, invoices, and contract payments including Ables Springs VFD \$104,750.00 (3rd contract payment), College Mound VFD \$60,750.00 (3rd contract payment), Elmo VFD \$144,750.00 (3rd contract payment), Terrell VFD \$124,000.00 (3rd contract payment), The Carlton Law Firm \$955.00 and \$784.00 (legal fees), Kaufman Central Appraisal District \$4,960.40 (quarterly payment), and Kristie Jones \$1,300.00 (clerk salary). Scott Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - (c) **Approval of monthly financial report;** The financial report was emailed to the Commissioners before the meeting. During the meeting the Commissioners were provided with copies of the bank statements. Kristie Jones provided a breakdown of the current budget and the amounts paid year-to-date for each item. The Pledge Security Listings from Texas Bank and Trust for May 2026 were provided to the Commissioners. Tommy Brockway moved to approve the financial report. Stan Hamm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Receive monthly report from Ables Springs Volunteer Fire Department regarding financial matters, training, management activities, membership, emergency operations and out of station times, and call volume for fire/rescue calls and for EMS calls.** Ables Springs VFD reported 19 calls for the month of May 2026. There were no missed calls. The calls included 3 Fires, 13 EMS Calls, and 3 Other calls. The average response time was 8:10 minutes. The average number of personnel per incident was 3.4. The turn-out time for the month was an average of 1:54 minutes. The VFD provided mutual aid three times but did not request mutual aid. Training for May 2026 included 6 hours of Fire Training.
7. **Receive monthly report from College Mound Volunteer Fire Department regarding financial matters, training, management activities, membership, emergency operations and out of station times, and call volume for fire/rescue calls and for EMS calls.** College Mound VFD responded to 60 calls during May 2026. 36 of the 60 calls were in ESD 1 and 24 calls occurred in ESD 3. The calls in ESD 3 consisted of 2 Grass Fires, 9 Medical Assist, 5 EMS calls, 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 2 Dispatched and Cancelled, 1 Special type, and 1 Citizen complaint. The average number of personnel per incident was 2.7. The average response time in ESD 3 area was 8:56 minutes. The average turn-out time was 2:09 minutes. They currently have 25 members and 3 support services members. One member is in EMT school and one member has passed national EMT exam.

8. **Receive monthly report from Elmo Volunteer Fire Department regarding financial matters, training, management activities, membership, emergency operations and out of station times, and call volume for fire/rescue calls and for EMS calls.** Elmo VFD reported 67 calls for the month of May 2026. The calls consisted of 1 Trash Fire, 2 Grass Fires, 1 Vegetation Fire, 5 Medical Assist, 28 EMS, 18 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 3 Dispatch and Cancelled, 1 Assist Police, 1 No Incident Found, 2 Authorized Controlled Burnings, and 5 False Alarms. They had no missed calls, provided mutual aid 5 times, and received mutual aid 5 times. The average response time was 7:33 minutes. The average turn-out time was 1:47 minutes. Average number of personnel per incident was 4.2. They had 10 hours training the month of May 2026 that included a Live Fire Burn with Mabank and College Mound.

Randy Brumebelow reported the County Fire Marshal is reviewing the ISO Rating for Station 2 and the Elmo area. They are currently at a 4, and hope to lower that to a 3.

9. **Receive monthly report from Terrell Volunteer Fire Department regarding financial matters, training, management activities, membership, emergency operations and out of station times, and call volume for fire/rescue calls and for EMS calls.** During May 2026, TVFD responded to 60 calls. 57 of the 60 were in ESD 3, 1 in ESD 1 and 2 in the City of Terrell. The calls consisted of 7 Fire, 2 Hazardous Situations, 40 Medical, and 11 No Emergency. They had no missed calls. The average turn-out time was 2:29 minutes. The average response time was 10:24 minutes, and the average number of personnel was 1.98. They responded to 5 mutual aid calls and requested mutual aid 1 time. They have 23 firefighting members. Training consisted of Reading Smoke/Sizeups and EMS CE's. The total time spent on calls was 31:13:07 (H:M:S).

Discussion/Action Items

10. **Report from Robert Caughron, Terrell VFD, about station remodel and take action if needed;** Robert reported he spoke with Gentry and if they remodel and it is 60% of the buildings value, then they are required to add sprinklers to the entire structure and everything must be brought to current code. This item will remain on the agenda. No action taken.

11. **Discuss and consider adopting the tax and budget planning calendar for 2026 and authorize payment for tax process publications;** Tommy Brockway moved to adopt the purple route and authorize payment for tax publications. The purple route is applicable if the District plans to adopt a tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval rate but does not exceed the de minimis rate and requires the District to adopt its budget and tax rate by August 24th 2026, and no election is required. Scott Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. **Submission of Volunteer Fire Department budget requests for 2026-27;** All of the departments submitted their budget requests. Denny Oats said he will schedule a budget workshop for the first part of August 2026 after the ESD has a better idea of the projected funds for 2026-27. Chuck Carpenter asked Josh Phillips about College Mound's budget request for ESD 1. Josh said he would provide that also.

There was a discussion about when the departments thought they might have to move to "2 people around the clock." Josh Phillips explained about the difference in contract labor costs and what moving into Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) regulations would cost. Chandra Elliott stated Ables Springs is planning to hire contract labor during this next budget year. She also said the departments could no longer receive Forestry grants if they change to TCFP. Randy Brumbelow explained how coverage for the new Station 2 is working. It keeps fluctuating, but usually there are 2 firefighters at Station 1 and 1 or 2 at Station 2. Josh Phillips stated the Smith County ESD employs firefighters and then rotates them to various stations. This may be a way the ESD could supplement the VFD's in the future.

Denny Oats asked Robert Caughron about the new hose they recently purchased. Robert explained they were following TCFP requirements for replacing hoses. They replaced a total of 7000 feet of hose on every piece of equipment the City of Terrell owns. No action taken.

13. **Discuss responsibilities of VFD Board of Directors, personnel, and how each VFD operates;** The ESD Board was provided with a list of each of the VFD Board of Directors. Denny asked if each department could submit their VFD board minutes to the ESD when a purchase is approved by their Board over \$50,000.00.

14. **Discuss Elmo VFD Engine 2, take action if necessary;** Randy Brumbelow informed the Board that Engine 2, which is now housed at Station 2, is a 2006 model. In the last two months they have had air leaks and 4 radiator leaks repaired. They would like to order a new engine, that may take 2 years to receive, and have the ESD help with the payments until Engine 1 is paid off in 5 years. Chuck Carpenter asked about the payoff for Engine 1 and the interest rate on that loan. He asked Randy to get that information so the ESD could look at possibly paying it off and freeing up that money for Elmo to purchase a new Engine. No action taken.

15. **Discuss agenda items, time and date for next meeting; and** The next regular meeting will be July 14, 2026. Items to be discussed include regular business, budgets for 2026-27, date for budget workshop, Terrell VFD station, and Elmo Engine 2.

16. **Adjournment.** Tommy Brockway moved to adjourn at 8:14 P.M. Stan Hamm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

By: Kristie Jones

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