KAUFMAN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #3
MINUTES FROM September 8, 2026

Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on Tax Increase and Adopt Tax Rate

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 7:01 p.m.

2. **Consider taking action regarding budget for fiscal year October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027**; Tommy Brockway moved to adopt the FY 2026-27 budget with an amount of $2,415,446. Scott Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Conduct a public hearing on the proposal to increase property taxes**; No one from the public was present to question the proposed property tax rate.

4. **Take a record vote on the District's 2026 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, authorize filing the Order with the County Tax Assessor/Collector; and** Chuck Carpenter stated, "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 10 cents per $100 valuation, which is effectively a 2.06 percent increase in the tax rate." The motion was seconded by Stan Hamm. Voting yes to adopt the tax rate was Denny Oats: For, Chuck Carpenter: For, Stan Hamm: For, Scott Boyd: For, and Tommy Brockway: For. Chuck Carpenter moved to adopt an Order Levying Taxes and authorize filing the Order with the County Tax Assessor/Collector. The motion was seconded by Stan Hamm. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Acknowledge and approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District website:** Stan Hamm moved to acknowledge and approve the posting of the following statement on the home page of the District website: Kaufman County ESD No. 3 adopted a tax rate that will raise more taxes for Maintenance and Operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 1.13 percent and will raise taxes for Maintenance and Operations on a $100,000 home by approximately $1.11. Scott Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting Agenda

6. **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.

7. **Public comment on Agenda items**. Denny Oats read the statement about public comments on agenda items. No public comment was presented.

Administrative

8. **Review and consider approval of the August 11, 2026, meeting minutes.** Tommy Brockway moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 11, 2026. Stan Hamm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

9. **Receive monthly report from the Treasurer and consider:**
   (a) **Approval of reimbursements;** Chuck Carpenter moved to reimburse Kristie Jones for mileage during FY2025-26 in the amount of $611.58. Scott Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(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 $104,750.00 Ables Springs VFD (4th contract payment), $60,750.00 College Mound VFD (4th contract payment), $144,750.00 Elmo VFD (4th contract payment), $124,000.00 Terrell VFD (4th contract payment), $4,960.40 Kaufman Central Appraisal District (4th quarter payment $2,649.99 Visa (fire proof filing cabinet), 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 August 2026 was provided to the Commissioners. Chuck Carpenter moved to approve the financial report. Tommy Brockway seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **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 33 calls for the month of August 2026. There were no missed calls. The calls included 6 Fires, 22 EMS Calls, 4 Hazmat, and 1 Public Service. The average response time was 6:09 minutes. The average number of personnel per incident was 3.45. The turn-out time for the month was an average of 2:09 minutes. The VFD provided mutual aid six times and requested mutual aid two times. Training for August 2026 included 6 hours of Fire Training.

11. **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 70 calls during August 2026. 34 of the 70 calls were in ESD 1 and 35 calls occurred in ESD 3. The calls in ESD 3 consisted of 1 Building Fire, 1 Motor Home Fire, 1 Grass Fire, 2 Outside Rubbish fires, 14 Medical Assist, 5 EMS calls, 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 1 Gas Leak, 1 Power Line Down, 1 Service Call, 1 Unauthorized Burning, and 3 Dispatched and Cancelled. One Grass Fire occurred in an unspecified area. The average number of personnel per incident was 2.6. The average response time in ESD 3 area was 9:09 minutes. The average turn-out time was 2:49 minutes. They currently have 25 members and 3 support services members. During August 2026, they participated in fire training.

12. **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 90 calls for the month of August 2026. The calls consisted of 1 Fire, 2 Building Fires, 1 Motor Home Fire, 2 Passenger Vehicle Fires, 2 RV Fires, 6 Grass Fires, 1 Outside Rubbish Fire, 11 Medical Assist, 39 EMS, 12 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 1 Gas Spill, 1 Service Call, 1 Lock-out, 3 Unauthorized Burnings, 2 Accidents, 3 Dispatch and Cancelled, 3 False Alarms, and 1 Special Type Incident. They had no missed calls, provided mutual aid 11 times, and received mutual aid 6 times. The average response time was 6:31 minutes. The average turn-out time was 1:38 minutes. Average number of personnel per incident was 4.4. They currently have 40 members with 15 members participating in FF 1and 2.

13. **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 August 2026, TVFD responded to 103 calls. They had computer problems and were unable to provide a detailed report.

Terrell VFD's Booster was totaled by the insurance company due to damage to the drive shaft, electrical system, and transmission being burned. It was estimated the cost to repair would be $90,000. It was insured for $150,000, so the department expects to receive the $150,000. They expect a replacement to cost $300,000. They are also planning to replace their tanker (21 years old) due to leaking water from the tank.

Denny Oats told about his visit and discussion about maps. The response areas are not going to change due to many factors. Josh Phillips explained how a box system would help the county by allowing more than one station to be toned

out. He also explained that dispatch is supposed to be implementing separate tones for each station, when a department has more than one station.

Denny Oats said he thinks the way the departments currently operate will really change within the next five years. He believes a coordinator to see about the needs of each department would be beneficial. Josh Phillips said the ESD may need to follow the Smith County ESD, where they hire firefighters and then assign them to volunteer stations.

Discussion/Action Items

14. **Discuss and take action on FY2026-27 Service Provider Agreements**; Chuck Carpenter moved to approve the FY2026-27 Service Provider Agreements. Scott Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

15. **Discuss agenda items, time and date for next meeting; and** The next ESD meeting will be October 13, 2026. Approval of CPA Engagement Letter and regular business will be included.

16. **Adjournment**. Tommy Brockway moved to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Chuck Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

By: _Kristie Jones___

Kristie Jones, Administrative Assistant
Kaufman County Emergency Service Dist. #3