

KAUFMAN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #3
MINUTES FROM August 21, 2025
Public Hearing on Tax Increase and Adopt Tax Rate

Present: Commissioners: David Wallace, Billy Bourland, Denny Oats and Tommy Brockway
Absent: Chuck Carpenter

1. **Call meeting to order.** David Wallace declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Consider taking action regarding budget for fiscal year October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026;** During the regular meeting on August 12, 2025, Tommy Brockway moved to adopt the ESD 2025-26 projected budget. The motion was seconded by Chuck Carpenter. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Conduct a public hearing on the proposal to increase property taxes;** The agenda for the public hearing on tax increase and adopt tax rate was posted at the Elmo Volunteer Fire Station, the District website, The County Clerk's office, and published in the *Terrell Tribune*. No one from the public was in attendance.
4. **Take a record vote on the District's 2025 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, authorize filing the Order with the County Tax Assessor/Collector; and** BR Bourland 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 17.66 percent increase in the tax rate." Tommy Brockway seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was Tommy Brockway, Denny Oats, BR Bourland, and David Wallace. Absent and not voting was Chuck Carpenter.

Denny Oats moved to adopt the Order Levying Taxes and authorize filing the Order with the County Tax Assessor/Collector. BR Bourland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Acknowledge and approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District website;** BR Bourland moved to have the following statement posted to 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 17.20 percent and will raise taxes for Maintenance and Operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$14.68." Tommy Brockway seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Adjournment.** Tommy Brockway moved to adjourn at 7:11 PM. Denny Oats seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

By: Kristie Jones

Kristie Jones, Clerk
Kaufman County Emergency Service Dist. #3