

KAUFMAN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #3  
MINUTES FROM May 13, 2025

**Present:** Commissioners: David Wallace, Billy Bourland, Chuck Carpenter, Denny Oats, and Tommy Brockway  
Fire Departments: ASVFD, CMVFD, EVFD and TVFD

1. **Call meeting to order.** David Wallace declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Public comment on items not on the Agenda.** David Wallace read the statement about public comment on items not on the agenda. No public comment was presented.
3. **Public comment on Agenda items.** David Wallace read the statement about public comments on agenda items. No public comment was presented.

**Administrative**

4. **Review and consider approval of April 8, 2025 meeting minutes.** Chuck Carpenter moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 8, 2025. Denny Oats 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 this month.
  - (b) **Approval of payment of monthly bills and invoices;** BR Bourland moved to approve payments of the bills and invoices including Visa \$600.00 (commissioner shirts) and Kristie Jones \$1,200.00 (clerk salary). Tommy Brockway 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 April were provided to the Commissioners. BR Bourland moved to approve the financial report. Chuck Carpenter 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 17 calls for the month of April. There were no missed calls. The calls included 2 Fires and 15 EMS Calls. Average response time was 7:12 minutes. Average number of personnel per incident 3.41. The turn-out time for the month was an average of 2:03 minutes. The VFD received no mutual aid and provided mutual aid one time. Training for April 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 43 calls during April. 24 of the 43 calls were in ESD 1 and 19 calls occurred in ESD 3. The calls in ESD 3 consisted of 1 Medical Assist, 8 EMS calls, 6 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 1 Lock-out, 1 Smoke removal, 1 No Incident Found, and 1 Authorized Controlled Burning. Average number of personnel per incident was 2.9. Average response time in ESD 3 area was 9:16 minutes. Average turn-out time was 3:13. They currently have 25 members with 2 in EMT school and 1 who passed National EMT.
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 84 calls for the month of April. The calls consisted of 1

Brush Fire, 31 EMS calls, 22 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 2 Gas Leak, 1 Overheated motor, 1 Water problem, 4 Public Service, 2 Assist Invalid, 6 Dispatched and cancelled, 4 No incident found, 1 Authorized controlled burning, 2 False Alarms, 1 Malicious call, 3 Local alarms, 1 Malfunction Alarm, and 2 Alarms with no fire. They had no missed calls, provided mutual aid 3 times, and requested mutual aid 1 time. Average response time was 8:34 minutes. Average turn-out time was 1:58 minutes. Average number of personnel per incident was 3.9. This month training included SCBA training, Live fire training with College Mound at the Mabank Training Center. The Wild Land training is being rescheduled but the date is unknown. They currently have 25 members with 2 in paramedic school and 1 in EMT school. They expect to pick up Brush 3 on June 12. This truck is funded by a Rural Assistance Grant. The new Rescue 1 is still in production.

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 April, TVFD responded to 56 calls. 53 of the 56 were in ESD 3, 1 in the City of Forney, and 2 in the City of Terrell. The 53 calls consisted of 1 Grass Fire, 25 EMS calls, 11 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 3 Gas Leaks, 1 Accident, 1 Person in distress, 2 Public Service, 2 Assist Invalid, 1 Unauthorized burning, 2 Dispatched and cancelled, 1 No Incident Found, 1 False alarm, 1 Alarm system, and 1 Unintentional alarm. They had no missed calls. Average turn-out time was 2:21. Average response time was 10:28 and average number of personnel was 3.3. They responded to mutual aid 7 times and requested mutual aid 1 time. They have 24 firefighting members. Total time spent on calls was 36:02:32 (H:M:S).

#### **Discussion/Action Items**

10. **Discuss and take action on where to deposit the rebate from Kaufman County from the May 2024 election;** The original check was paid from the operating account with the funds being deposited from the money market account. After discussion, BR Bourland moved to deposit the rebate check into the Reserve account. Denny Oats seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **Discuss future plans for expansion of College Mound Fire Station and take action if necessary;** David Wallace spoke about a phone conversation he had with John Carlton. John explained (1) the building/property does not have to be in the ESD's name, (2) there is a set of guidelines and regulations that must be followed but David did not inquire if the guidelines also apply to additions or remodels, (3) it makes no difference if sales tax money or ad valorem tax funds are used, the guidelines still apply, and (4) funds for a station can be outside the district but the ESD must show the benefit for the district.

Josh Phillips explained ESD 1 has agreed to finance the entire construction/addition to the College Mound fire station. Currently, he thinks that will cost about \$200,000. He did let the commissioners know that with ESD 1 financing the building, he is asking ESD 3 to help with the purchase of a new mini pumper rescue. They are looking at demo trucks this week and next week and will shop it around through buy board and bids. They want something smaller and shorter to get through gates, etc. but also large enough to hold equipment. Expected cost is \$425,000-450,000. This will be included in the 2025-26 budget request.

12. **Discuss future plans for expansion of Elmo Fire Station and take action if necessary;** Randy explained they currently have bids for the addition to the station and expect to spend \$80,000. David said the ESD needs to wait until John Carlton provides guidelines to see if the regulations are the same for an addition/remodel. BR Bourland moved to have Kristie email John Carlton for the guidelines. Denny Oats seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Once the guidelines are received, Kristie will share them with the departments so they can be followed by all that are in construction process.

13. **Discuss future plans for construction of a Fire Station and take action if necessary;** Randy Brumbelow asked why David was looking at purchasing other property when Shadow Lakes has already given Elmo a 1.25 acre lot? David responded and said he was only seeking to give as many ESD tax payers the insurance benefit of a location and it not be against the ESD boundary. Randy explained there are currently 165 homes in Shadow Lakes and 80 in Gospel for Asia and many of the motor vehicle accidents they work are in that area of I-20. The distance from the Elmo station and College Mound station to the Shadow Lakes location are almost the same. Mike Noto, Shadow Lakes POA President, explained how TX DOT is expanding the access road on the north side of I-20 and it will eventually

continue from Canton to Terrell. After discussion, Chuck Carpenter moved to pursue the station at Shadow Lakes and what the costs would be for building a station there. Randy said they currently have three bids on each of the following: concrete, framing and finishing. Denny Oats inquired about dirt work. They have not talked to anyone specifically about dirt. Precinct Commissioner 3, Kelly Lane, said he could provide dirt. Once everyone is apprised of the regulations, they realize a general contractor may have to be hired. Tommy Brockway seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

14. **Discuss agenda items, time and date for next meeting; and** The next regular meeting will be June 10, 2025 at 7 PM. Volunteer Fire Department budget requests for 2025-26 will be submitted.

15. **Adjournment.** Tommy Brockway moved to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Denny Oats seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

By: Kristie Jones

**Kristie Jones**, Administrative Assistant  
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