

**KAUFMAN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #3**  
**MINUTES FROM August 5, 2025**  
**Special Meeting**

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

1. **Call meeting to order.** David Wallace declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Consider taking action regarding 2025-26 budget.** Chuck Carpenter is working on the budget and will have an overview at the regular meeting on August 12, 2025. He will base the budget on the projected amounts to receive minus the 3% the county usually doesn't collect. Chuck moved to increase the Administrative Assistant salary by \$1,200.00 per year or \$100.00 per month. Denny Oats seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Discuss and consider taking action regarding 2025 tax rate, including:**
  - (a) **Establishing proposed tax rate;** Based on the information provided by Kaufman County in the 2025 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet, the No New Revenue is \$0.084990 this year. The Voter Approval Rate this year is \$0.088310. If the board chooses to adopt any rate higher than the Voter Approval Rate, the District is subject to a petition election. However, because the De Minimis Rate exceeds \$0.10, the District may adopt a tax rate up to \$0.10 without calling an election. After discussion, Denny Oats moved to propose the 2025 tax rate at \$0.100000 per \$100. Tommy Brockway seconded the motion.
  - (b) **Taking record vote and scheduling public hearing;** Voting for the proposed tax rate of \$0.10/\$100 was David Wallace, Chuck Carpenter, Denny Oats and Tommy Brockway. BR Bourland was not in attendance. No one voted against the motion. Chuck Carpenter moved to schedule the public hearing and special meeting to adopt the tax rate on Thursday, August 21, 2025. Denny Oats seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  - (c) **Authorizing expense and publication of "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" in the Newspaper;** and Chuck Carpenter moved to authorize the expense and have Kristie Jones to contact the office of John Carlton to prepare the "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate" and submit it for publication to *The Terrell Tribune*. Denny Oats seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  - (d) **Acknowledging and approving posting of "Notice About 2025 Tax Rates" and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" to home page of District website.** Tommy Brockway moved to acknowledge and approve the posting of Notice About 2025 Tax Rates and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" to the home page of the District website. Chuck Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Adjournment.** Tommy Brockway moved to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Denny Oats seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

By: Kristie Jones

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