

KAUFMAN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #3

MINUTES FROM August 13, 2024

Present: Commissioners: David Wallace, Jon Leigh, Chuck Carpenter, Ryan Hamilton, and Billy Bourland
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 July 9 and August 6, 2024 meeting minutes.** Jon Leigh moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 9, 2024. Ryan Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chuck Carpenter moved to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2024 Special Meeting. BR Bourland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David introduced Kelly Lane. He will be sworn in as the Precinct 3 Kaufman County Commissioner in January.

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 payments of bills and invoices. The bills included Carlton Law Firm \$1,908.50 (legal – July and August invoices), GIS our Data \$15,000.00 (initiation fee for physical addresses), Visa \$44.08 (phone minutes) and Kristie Jones \$1,000.00 (August clerical duties). Jon Leigh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - (c) **Approval of monthly financial report;** A financial report was given stating the TBT operating account with a balance of \$2,719.18 and the TBT tax account with a balance of \$1,148,565.61. The current total for both accounts is \$1,151,284.79. The tax account earned \$3,391.20 interest this month and has earned \$32,684.07 YTD. 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 July were provided to the Commissioners. Chuck Carpenter moved to approve the financial report. BR Bourland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

After a discussion about the need for an additional account to keep the Reserve funds separate from the Tax funds, Jon Leigh moved to have Chuck Carpenter open an account for the ESD Reserve Fund. Ryan Hamilton 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 25 calls for the month of July. There were no missed calls. The calls included 1 Building Fire, 1 Structure other than building, 1 Vehicle Fire, 14 EMS Calls, 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 1 Person in Distress, 2 Dispatched and Cancelled, and 3 Authorized Controlled Burnings. Average response time was 6:49 minutes. Average number of personnel per incident was 5.7. The turn-out time for the month was an average of 1:49 minutes. The VFD received mutual aid 2 times and provided no mutual aid. Training for July

included 6 hours of Fire Training and 2 hours EMS Training. They are hosting an ICS 400 class this weekend. This is the follow-up to the ICS 300.

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 40 calls during July. 19 of the 40 calls were in ESD 1 and 21 calls occurred in ESD 3. The calls in ESD 3 consisted of 2 Passenger Vehicle Fires, 3 Grass Fires, 2 Medical Assist, 6 EMS calls, 4 Motor Vehicle Accidents, and 4 Dispatched and cancelled. Average number of personnel per incident was 2.6. Average response time in ESD 3 area was 9:03 minutes. Average turn-out time was 3:13. Training included Brush Fire training. They currently have 25 firefighters and 3 support service members. Their training included EMS CE Respiratory and LZ.

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 87 calls for the month of July. The calls consisted of 3 Passenger Vehicle Fires, 1 Brush Fire, 5 Grass Fires, 2 Medical Assists, 21 EMS calls, 19 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 3 Power line Down, 1 Lock-out, 1 Water Leak, 1 Assist Police, 5 Assist Invalid, 1 Unauthorized Burning, 1 Good Intent, 6 Dispatched and Cancelled, 5 No Incident Found, 1 Smoke Odor, 1 False Alarm, and 10 Without Incident Type. They had no missed calls, provided mutual aid 4 times, and requested mutual aid 2 times. Average response time was 8:39 minutes. Average turn-out time was 3:43 minutes. Average number of personnel per incident was 3. July training consisted of SOP's, Apparatus, EMS training, and EMS reports and PPE inspection and usage. Currently, they have 26 members.

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 July, TVFD responded to 74 calls. 69 of the 74 were in ESD 3, 1 in ESD 1, and 4 in the City of Terrell. The 69 calls consisted of 1 Passenger Vehicle Fire, 1 Off-road Vehicle Fire, 2 Grass Fires, 36 EMS calls, 14 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 1 Public Service, 5 Assist Invalid, 3 Dispatched and cancelled, 4 No Incident Found, 2 Authorized Controlled Burning, 1 Alarm System, and 1 Brush Fire. They had no missed calls. Average turn-out time was 1:52. Average response time was 10:12 and average number of personnel was 4.3. They responded to mutual aid 7 times and did not request mutual aid. They have 23 firefighting members. Training included search and rescue. 4 firefighters attended municipal fire training at Texas A&M. Total time spent on calls was 48:55:15 (H:M:S).

Discussion/Action Items

10. **Discuss information received from GIS Our Data about next steps to receive sales tax, take action if necessary;** GIS Our Data has been in contact with the Texas Comptroller's Office. The physical addresses have been reviewed. The Comptroller's Office is notifying the businesses and will start collecting the additional sales tax from them beginning October 1, 2024.

11. **Discuss and consider the 2024-25 ESD budget and Volunteer Fire Department 2024-25 Contract amounts, take any related action;** David explained the ESD lost \$530,000 due to Terrell annexation this year. The ESD estimated collections is only \$105,000 more than 2023-24. Originally, the City of Terrell wanted to annex everything in TISD. David told about attending different meetings (Texas legislature and Terrell City Council) where he defended the ESD and spoke against the annexation. If the city had annexed everything they wanted, the KCESD 3 would have lost over 1 million in tax funds.

12. **Discuss Annual Contracts and take appropriate action;** Because the ESD only expects to receive \$105,000 more than 2023-24, the Board feels that is all the additional they can allocate for 2024-25. BR Bourland moved to divide the \$105,000 between the departments giving Ables Springs VFD, Elmo VFD and Terrell VFD an additional \$30,000 over the 2023-24 amount they received and giving College Mound VFD an additional \$15,000. Jon Leigh seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 to 1 with Chuck Carpenter voting against.

13. **Discuss disposal or repurposing of old fire equipment purchased with taxpayer funds, take action if necessary;** David explained he added this to the agenda because he wants the ESD to look at old equipment and see if it can be repurposed into a blocker vehicle with a scorpion tail added. He doesn't want equipment disposed of that tax payer money has paid for. Terry Van Sickle said he has a 1993 and 1997 truck Terrell VFD will be replacing because they have aged out and the A/C doesn't work in either. It cost too much to keep them operating. Jon Leigh agreed with this and said purchasing a dump truck and filling it with dirt will also work as a blocker. David agreed that each piece of old equipment needs to be looked at individually to see if it has the potential to be equipped to be a blocker. David asked the departments about equipment they may be disposing of in the future. Terrell said they had 2 and Elmo has 1. Ables Springs and College Mound do not have any. Brandon Porter said Elmo is considering selling their old engine to offset the cost of purchasing a new engine. David asked if anyone wanted to make a motion that would require old equipment to be considered before any disposal. It died for lack of a motion.

14. **Report on potential purchase of a Rescue Boat;** Brandon Porter will attend the Fire-Rescue International Convention this Friday to see what is offered. David said when a proposal is submitted to make sure it includes ropes, life vests, training, etc. This item will remain on the agenda.

15. **Discuss agenda items, time and date for next meeting**. The next meeting on Thursday, August 22 will be a public hearing on 2024 tax rate, adoption of 2024-25 ESD Budget, and record vote on the District's 2024 tax rate. The regular meeting in September will include submitting 2024-25 Fire Department Agreements, final 2023-24 contract payments and information on Rescue Boat.

16. **Adjournment.** Ryan Hamilton moved to adjourn at 7:41 PM. BR Bourland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

By: Kristie Jones

Kristie Jones, Clerk

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