

**KAUFMAN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #3**  
**MINUTES FROM August 22, 2023**

**Present:** Commissioners: David Wallace, Chuck Carpenter, Jon Leigh, and Earl Bourland  
Fire Departments: ASVFD, CMVFD, and EVFD

1. **Call meeting to order.** David Wallace declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. David told everyone present at the meeting that Ryan Hamilton had been appointed by the County Commissioners Court as the ESD new board member. He will be sworn in and attend the September meeting. David read the statements about our public speaking policy on agenda and non-agenda items. He thanked the three departments in attendance and noted that no one from TVFD was present. He went on to explain that in future meetings he will try to do a better job recognizing those that wish to speak to prevent people talking over each other.
2. **Discuss and take action to pursue the acquisition of land for an additional fire station;** David apologized for the wording of this item. He said it should have been “Discuss and take action to explore the possibility of the acquisition of land for an additional fire station.” He wants the board to have a committee of 2 board members and the fire chiefs from Elmo and College Mound to explore land that might be for sale and the actual number of calls that take place around I-20 to see if an additional station is needed. The committee will not negotiate the price of land. They will just explore the possibility and see what is available. The board agreed that this idea needed to be explored. Jon Leigh, David Wallace, Eric Porter, and Josh Phillips will serve on the committee. The addition of a fire station may hinge of the passing of sales tax collections.
3. **Discuss and take action to adopt budget for fiscal year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024;** Earl Bourland moved to adopt the October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 budget that was presented last month. Jon Leigh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Resolution to Adopt Budget was signed by President David Wallace and Secretary Earl Bourland.
4. **Conduct a public hearing on the proposal to increase property taxes;** No one was present to speak.
5. **Take a record vote on the District’s 2023 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, authorize filing the Order with Kaufman 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 \$0.10/\$100 valuation, which is effectively a 17.32 percent increase in the tax rate.” Jon Leigh seconded the motion. Voting in favor were David Wallace, Chuck Carpenter, Earl Bourland, and Jon Leigh. No one was opposed. The motion passed unanimously.  
  
Chuck Carpenter moved to adopt the Order Levying Taxes. Earl Bourland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.  
  
Earl Bourland moved to authorize filing the Order with Kaufman County Tax Assessor/Collector. Chuck Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Acknowledge and approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District’s website;** Earl Bourland moved to have Kristie Jones post 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 17.32 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$14.76.” Jon Leigh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **Discuss and take action on engagement letter for ESD Annual Audit from Kyle Caperton, CPA;** Chuck Carpenter moved to have David Wallace sign the engagement letter with Kyle Caperton. The audit should not exceed \$5,200. Earl Bourland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Approval of payment for invoices received from attorney**; Earl Bourland moved to pay The Carlton Law Firm \$1,926.00 for legal fees during the month of July. Chuck Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Adjournment**. Earl Bourland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Chuck Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

By: Kristie Jones

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