

KAUFMAN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #3
MINUTES FROM July 6, 2021

Present: Commissioners: Harvey Chitty, David Wallace, Chuck Shepard, and Eric Porter
Absent: Chuck Shepard
Fire Departments: ASVFD, CMVFD, EVFD and TVFD

1. **Call meeting to order.** President Harvey Chitty 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.** Harvey Chitty read the statement about public comment on items not on the Agenda.
3. **Public comment on Agenda items.** Harvey Chitty read the statement about public comments on Agenda items.

Discussion/Action Items

4. **Discuss and consider 2021 Proposed Tax Rate in order to complete the 2021 Tax Rate Calculation Data for the Kaufman County Tax Office;** The 2021 Preliminary Total at the current tax rate is estimated to be \$1,048,692.96. It is unknown at this time what the No-New-Revenue Rate and Voter-Approval Rate will be.
5. **Discuss VFD Budgets for FY 2021-2022;** The board questioned the departments about their budget requests. College Mound realized they had a mistake on their budget and resubmitted it. Ables Springs is requesting \$240,000, College Mound is requesting \$142,000, Elmo is requesting \$417,000, and Terrell \$292,000. When the budget requests were totaled it was more than the ESD expects to receive this year. Harvey Chitty stated he would like to just figure on \$1,000,000 and leave the \$48,000 to cover the other ESD budget items. He went on to say, we can't spend more than we will receive.

Questions were asked about replacement vehicles, equipment, and staffing.

The new station Elmo and College Mound hope to build at Shadow Lakes was discussed. EVFD explained what the residents of Shadow Lakes will pay. The timing on the station being built all depends on funding. Asking TxDot to provide cross-overs between the exits on I-20 was also discussed.

Terry Van Sickle, Terrell VFD, explained how they expect their call volume to increase when they become a first responder and the expense involved.

Chuck Carpenter said the board could do it two ways. They could fulfill the biggest needs first or divide the money the best they could with everyone getting an increase but maybe not meeting all the needs.

At the meeting on Tuesday, July 13, the board will look at call volumes. They asked each department to provide any additional material they thought the board might need.

6. **Discuss ESD Budget for FY 2021-2022;** Chuck Carpenter moved to focus the proposed tax rate based on the "green" plan supplied by John Carlton. This means the ESD will propose a tax rate that does not exceed the no-new-revenue rate or the voter-approval rate. Eric Porter seconded the motion. The motion

passed unanimously. The board will continue to look at the VFD budgets to determine the best budget for the ESD.

Harvey Chitty asked Kristie Jones to email John Carlton for clarification on a question about staying at the same rate for a number of years and then increasing the tax rate to exceed the voter-approval rate without an election.

7. **Adjournment.** Eric Porter moved to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Chuck Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

By: Kristie Jones

Kristie Jones, Clerk
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