

KAUFMAN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #3

MINUTES FROM August 11, 2026

Present: Commissioners: Denny Oats, Chuck Carpenter, Tommy Brockway, Stan Hamm, and Scott Boyd
Fire Departments: ASVFD, CMVFD, EVFD and TVFD

1. **Call meeting to order.** President Denny Oats declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Public comment on items not on the Agenda.** Denny Oats read the statement about public comments on items not on the agenda. No public comment was presented.
3. **Public comment on Agenda items.** Denny Oats read the statement about public comments on agenda items. No public comment was presented.

Administrative

4. **Review and consider approval of the July 14 and July 30, 2026, meeting minutes.** Tommy Brockway moved to approve the minutes from the meetings on July 14 and July 30, 2026. Scott Boyd 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.
 - (b) **Approval of payment of monthly bills, invoices, and contract payments;** Chuck Carpenter moved to approve payment of the bills and invoices including \$1,402.00 and \$2,556.50 to The Carlton Law Firm (legal), \$796.70 Computer Image (laptop and external hard drive) and Kristie Jones \$1,300.00 (clerk salary). Stan Hamm 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 July 2026 was provided to the Commissioners. Scott Boyd 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 32 calls for the month of July 2026. There were no missed calls. The calls included 7 Fires, 24 EMS Calls, and 1 Good Intent. The average response time was 6:43 minutes. The average number of personnel per incident was 4.19. The turn-out time for the month was an average of 2:50 minutes. The VFD provided mutual aid two times and requested mutual aid two times. Training for July 2026 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 45 calls during July 2026. 21 of the 45 calls were in ESD 1 and 23 calls occurred in ESD 3. The calls in ESD 3 consisted of 1 Natural Vegetation Fire, 1 Brush Fire, 2 Grass Fires, 10 Medical Assist, 4 EMS calls, 1 Gas Leak, 1 Accident, 1 Dispatched and Cancelled, 1 No Incident Found, and 1 Citizen Complaint. The average number of personnel per incident was 2.7. The average response time in ESD 3 area was 8:36 minutes. The average turn-out time was 2:59 minutes. They currently have 25 members and 3 support services members. One member is in EMT school. They completed a two-day training for Careflite PHTLS.

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 81 calls for the month of July 2026. The calls consisted of 1 Mobile home Fire, 1 Passenger Vehicle Fire, 2 RV Fires, 1 Wildland Fire, 4 Grass Fires, 11 Medical Assist, 24 EMS, 19 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 2 Accidents, 1 Lock-out, 1 Public Service Assistance, 1 Assist Police, 1 Public Service, 8 Dispatch and Cancelled, 1 Air or gas rupture, 1 False Alarms, and 2 Authorized controlled Burning. They had no missed calls, provided mutual aid 11 times, and received mutual aid 2 times. The average response time was 8:39 minutes. The average turn-out time was 2:29 minutes. Average number of personnel per incident was 5. They had training for Hose Lay and Wild Land fires. They currently have 40 members with 3 in Fire School, 1 in Paramedic School, 2 working on EMT-B, and 15 working on Firefighter 2 completion.

Blocker 2 is being repaired with funds from insurance.

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 2026, TVFD responded to 103 calls. 98 of the 103 were in ESD 3, 1 in ESD 1, 2 in the City of Kaufman, and 2 in the City of Terrell. The calls consisted of 16 Fire, 6 Hazardous Situations, 55 Medical, 9 Public Service, and 17 No Emergency. They had no missed calls. The average turn-out time was 2:37 minutes. The average response time was 11:02 minutes, and the average number of personnel was 2.08. They responded to 7 mutual aid calls and requested mutual aid 1 time. They have 22 firefighting members. Training consisted of Pump operations and the two-day Careflite PHTLS training (16 hours). The total time spent on calls was 70:06:06 (H:M:S).

Terrell VFD's Booster has been damaged and filed with insurance for repairs. The Booster has been broken down by Prestige and is waiting for insurance to return to check the extent of the damage.

Discussion/Action Items

10. **Discuss and consider financial payment for pay-off of Elmo VFD engine and take any related action;** Tommy Brockway moved to issue a check to pay-off the remaining amount on the loan for Elmo VFD engine. The amount is approximately \$235,000.00. The motion was seconded by Stan Hamm. The motion passed unanimously. Randy Brumbelow will find out the exact pay-off amount and let Kristie Jones know and she will mail the check. Elmo will be purchasing an additional engine to replace Engine 2 at Station 2. It is a stock engine and will cost \$997,000.00. They have made arrangements for a loan on the new engine and will begin payments once they receive it.

11. **Discuss and consider payment toward College Mound Rescue truck and take action as necessary;** In November 2025, the ESD agreed to pay \$315,000.00 towards the new rescue truck College Mound is purchasing. At that time, they did not know if it would be a lump sum or paid out over 3 years. Chuck Carpenter told the board he thought a lump sum would be best. Scott Boyd moved to issue a check for \$315,000.00 to be paid directly to the dealership or finance company when College Mound receives the truck. It is expected in October. Stan Hamm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. **Discuss and consider the 2029-27 ESD budget and Volunteer Fire Department 2026-27 Contract amounts, and take any related action;** Denny Oats asked Chief Elliott about an amount in the budget requested from Ables Springs VFD. She explained the increase is for staffing and their vehicle replacement fund. They are trying to pay off the new engine they purchased in FY2025-26 within 3 years. Denny also asked the departments about insurance costs. They all said it had increased and they all have multiple policies for different equipment and different types of items.

Chief Brumbelow and Chief Phillips both said the paid staffing is working extremely well. They are getting a lot of bang for their buck.

Chuck Carpenter passed out a preliminary budget. He told the departments the board had looked at their requests and his figures were based on their discussion. Chuck moved to assign the 2026-27 contract amounts as Ables Springs VFD \$600,000.00 (43% increase over last year), College Mound \$315,000.00 (30% increase over last year plus an

additional \$315,000.00 for the new rescue truck), Elmo VFD \$800,000.00 (38% increase plus the \$235,000.00 pay-off of current engine loan), and Terrell VFD \$600,000.00 (21% increase). These amounts total \$2,315,000.00. Chuck also told the departments they need to be fugal with their spending because he does not believe the ESD can continue to sustain percentage increases like this every year. Tommy Brockway seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13. **Discuss and consider service provider contract renewals and /or amendments, take action if necessary;** The service provider contracts will be updated with the new amounts for each department. No other changes are required. Kristie Jones will update and email to each department. The board will sign them at the September meeting and they will go into effect October 1, 2026.

14. **Discuss ESD 3 District map; including: who has jurisdiction over boundaries, department resonse times within boundaries, and other items concerning boundaries;** Denny Oats explained his questions about the ESD/department boundaries. He is wondering how often they are looked at and possibly revised based on new growth in each area. Josh Phillips stated he believes the ESD board can change or re-evaluate the boundaries. Denny asked about the Office of Emergency Management (Steve Huey) having a bigger picture of the whole District. Randy Brumbelow explained how a station that is staffed can respond quicker to another department's area, than a station that must wait on volunteers to arrive. He gave an example of Kaufman VFD.

Josh Phillips told the board the county may go to a box alarm system in the future. Josh is also working to get different tones for each station, so when Elmo is toned out they will know if Station 1 or Station 2 is needed.

15. **Discuss agenda items, time and date for next meeting; and** The ESD will have a public hearing on the proposed tax rate on September 8, 2026. After the public hearing, the regular meeting will take place and they will adopt the District budget and adopt the 2026 tax rate. Service Provider Agreements will be signed at the conclusion of the meeting.

16. **Adjournment.** Tommy Brockway moved to adjourn at 7:58 P.M. Stan Hamm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

By: Kristie Jones

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