**Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Emergency Service District #3**

**Date: April 21, 2025**

T. McCullough called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. A quorum was established with four commissioners (T. McCullough, Johnny Mitcham, Jennifer Miller, and Betty Zimmerman) present. Shady Grove VFD Chief Jonathan Phillips, White Tail Ridge VFD Chief Robert Hoffman and guest Kassie Bierman were present.

Guests: Kassie Bierman

Invocation: B. Zimmerman delivered the invocation.

Pledges to the Flags: T. McCullough led the pledges to the flags.

Public Comments: None

Discussion and Approval of the minutes of the March meeting. J. Miller moved the March minutes to be approved as written; T. McCullough seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Monthly Financial Report for ESD#3. J. Miller presented the financial report. As of March 31, 2025, the balance in the operating account was $38,347.50; the reserve account balance was $18,207.50; the Gardner Oil account was $1,383.96. The total balance was $57.939.30. Total tax collections for the year-to-date were $34,658.93. J. Miller updated the format of the monthly financial report.

Equipment Needs and TFS Grants. None.

Discussion and action regarding Commissioner Vacancy. K. Bierman will contact the County Commissioner’s Office to inquire about her proposed appointment.

Discussion and action regarding Changes to the Budget. None.

Report on the progress of work on the new SG VFD Fire House. J. Phillips reported that site preparation is in progress. Mueller grant applications for the building have been postponed for a year.

Discussion and action regarding insurance alternatives. T. McCullough moved that the TML Insurance invoice of $5,240.06 be paid if we can cancel the policy later without significant penalty. B. Zimmerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. J. Miller will continue negotiation with alternative insurance provider VFIS.

Discussion and action regarding White Tail Ridge Meeting building repairs. J. Phillips reroofed the WTR meeting building.

Fire Department Reports

White Tail Ridge VFD:

* R. Hoffman reported 3 callouts.
	+ 4/3/25 – Auto – Hwy 287 & FM 256 N - Mobile home breaks burning
	+ 4/19/25 – Timber – FM 256 N - Control Burn
	+ 4/20/25 – Timber – FM 256 N - Control Burn
* R. Hoffman presented expenses totaling $138.27.

T. McCullough moved that the expenses for the WTR VFD be reimbursed, B. Zimmerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Shady Grove VFD:

* J. Phillips reported 3 callouts.
	+ 4/3/25 – Auto – Hwy 287 & FM 256 N - Mobile home breaks burning
	+ 4/13/25 – Auto Accident – Hwy 190 W & FM 256 N
	+ 4/20/25 – Timber – FM 256 N - Control Burn
* J. Phillips presented expenses totaling $900.69, including $725 for decals for the 1995 Freightliner 1000-gal Tanker Pumber.

B. Zimmerman moved that the expenses for the SG VFD be reimbursed, T. McCullough seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

B. Zimmerman moved the meeting adjourn; J. Mitcham seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Minutes prepared and submitted for approval by: Betty Zimmerman, Secretary ESD#3