**Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Emergency Service District #3**

**Date: June 16, 2025**

T. McCullough called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. A quorum was established with five commissioners (T. McCullough, Johnny Mitcham, Jennifer Oborn, Betty Zimmerman, and Kassie Bierman) present. Shady Grove VFD Chief Jonathan Phillips and White Tail Ridge VFD Chief Robert Hoffman were present.

Guests: None

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 May meeting. J. Oborn moved the May minutes to be approved as written; J. Mitcham seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Monthly Financial Report for ESD#3. J. Oborn presented the financial report. As of May 31, 2025, the balance in the operating account was $26,140.90; the reserve account balance was $18,207.50; the Gardner Oil account was $1,500.00. The total balance was $45,848.40. Total tax collections for the year-to-date were $35,255.91, which is $8,974.09 below budgeted expectations. The operating account balance was lowered by payment for the note for the 1995 Freightliner 1000-gal tanker pumper ($2,652.41) and the insurance ($5,240).

J. Oborn asked everyone to begin thinking about the 2026 budget.

Equipment Needs and TFS Grants. None.

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 still waiting for the volunteer to perform the work.

Discussion and action regarding insurance alternatives. J. Oborn will continue negotiation with alternate insurance provider VFIS.

Discussion and action regarding proposition to expand the boundaries of ESD#3 on the March 2026 ballot. J. Phillips shared documentation he will present to residents in the area designation for annexation. T. McCullough will research the cost of the election and the cost of legal services.

Discussion and action regarding proposition to put sales tax on November 2026 ballot. J. Phillips stated that any action will be deferred until after the March 2026 election. He said that he had heard that the election costs may need to be handled by a loan. Legal advice is needed.

Fire Department Reports

White Tail Ridge VFD:

* R. Hoffman reported no callouts.
* R. Hoffman presented expenses totaling $208.55.

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 2 callouts.
  + 6/8/25 – Structure – 2211 FM 256 N – Outdoor, built-in BBQ Pit’s wooden frame
  + 6/12/25 – Elec Pole – 3050 FM 256 N – Downed power lines sparking
* J. Phillips presented expenses totaling $440.55.

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

B. Zimmerman moved the meeting adjourn; T. McCullough seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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