**Minutes of Meeting**

**Emergency Service District #3**

**Date: October 17, 2022**

J. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. A quorum was established with four commissioners (Jennifer Miller, Yvonne Goss, Tamberly McCullough and Betty Zimmerman) present. Shady Grove VFD Chief Jonathan Phillips, White Tail Ridge VFD Chief Robert Hoffman were present. J. Miller acknowledged guests David Luther, Andrew Cook and Richard McCullough.

J. Miller gave the invocation. J. Miller led the pledges to the flags.

Public Comments:

Andrew Cook stated that he is trying to contact Precinct 2 County Commissioner Stevan Sturrock to request appointment to the open ESD-3 Commissioner position.

Discussion and Approval of minutes of the September 2022 Meeting

Y. Goss moved the September minutes be approved as written; T. McCullough seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion of Tax Appraisal District Tax Estimates

D. Luther, Chief Appraiser for Tyler County, stated that property prices in Tyler County rose sharply over the past two years because of people moving into the county and some Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) selling properties. He responded by raising appraisal values only 15-20% in June. Since that time, property prices have fallen to be in line with the new appraisal values.

The Appraisal District is required to certify appraisal values to each taxing unit by July 25 of each year. This year, some REITs were slow in providing information (Timber Valuations) creating false, high appraisal values. When the data was eventually provided, the appraisal values dropped, resulting in lower estimated tax revenue for ESD-3. The current 2022 estimated taxable property values for ESD-3 total $48,947,430.00 which will yield $29,368.46 in taxes levied for the district.

Monthly Financial Report for ESD#3

Y. Goss presented the financial report. As of September 30, 2022, the balance in the operating account was $17,629.30. The reserve account balance was $15,707.50 for a combined total of $34,911.80.

Y. Goss reported that $25,320.93, which is 96% of the projected taxes, has been collected.

Y. Goss presented a Tyler County Booster invoice (required tax notice) for $85.50 and a certified letter invoice for $7.85. B. Zimmerman moved the invoices be paid; T. McCullough seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Equipment Needs and TFS Grants

White Tail Ridge Fire Chief R. Hoffman reported no equipment needs.

Shady Grove Fire Chief J. Phillips reported that the Kenwood NX-1200AVK2 handheld radios previously discussed are available from NALCOM Wireless Communications for $253.89 each. He has already acquired and tested one. Ten are needed for distribution between the two VFDs. R. Hoffman added that he also needs TWO truck radios for the White Tail Ridge VFD. J. Miller moved that J. Phillips order ten handheld radios and two truck radios; B. Zimmerman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

J. Phillips sealed the hoses on the 2005 International 5000-gallon tanker and it can now be filled with water.

Discussion and action regarding Training Requirements and Completed Training Status

A. Cook completed both the Open Meeting Act Training and the Public Information Act Training.

R. Hoffman completed 8-hours of Haz-Mat training.

Discussion and action regarding TDEM Annual Report

B. Zimmerman will submit the TDEM annual report before January 1, 2023.

Fire Department Reports

White Tail Ridge VFD:

* R. Hoffman reported two callouts.
  + Oct 7 – Other – Trash fire at PR 14, White Tail Ridge
  + Oct 15 – Wildfire – Tractor, hay field and woods fire at 5344 FM 256
* R. Hoffman presented expenses totaling $417.81, including $114.50 for flashlight batteries and $131.87 for fuel. B. Zimmerman moved that the expenses be reimbursed by ESD-3; Y. Goss seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Shady Grove VFD:

* J. Phillips reported 3 callouts.
  + Oct 7 – Other – Brush fire at 526 CR 2340, Woodville
  + Oct 13 – Vehicle/Other – Tree fell on 190 W; struck by car; assisted removing tree
  + Oct 15 – Wildfire – Tractor, hay field and woods fire at 5344 FM 256
* J. Phillips presented invoices totaling $96.31. B. Zimmerman moved that the expenses be reimbursed by ESD-3; T. McCullough seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
* J. Phillips shared that Shady Grove VFD is holding a fundraiser on October 22nd, beginning at 1 pm at Magnolia Bar and Grill in Woodville. Activities at the Cornholeween will include a cornhole tournament and raffles for adults with facepainting and a costume tournament for children.

A. Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Y. Goss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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