

Minutes of October 28, 2024

KERR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 3

Kerr Country Emergency Services District 3 gave notice on October 22, 2024 that it would meet on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the Center Point VFD Station, 548 Kelly St., Center Point, TX to consider the following agenda:

1. Call to Order: The Commissioners of the Kerr Country Emergency Services District 3 met on Monday, October 28, at 6:00 P.M. at the Center Point VFD Station, 548 Kelly St., Center Point, TX. President Danny Langbein called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Present were Commissioners Danny Langbein, Jeff Mitchell, Amy Palmer, Kari Potter and Kathleen Vincent; a quorum was present. Also attending the meeting were CPVFD President Shawn Bayliss, Pct. 2 Commissioner Rich Paces, Jerry Vincent.
2. Citizen Comment:
There were no public comments.
3. Review and approve Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2024:
Jeff Mitchell moved that the minutes of the September 23, 2024 meeting be approved as presented. Kari Potter seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Fire Chief's Report:
Sean Bayliss reported that there had been 3 calls to date in October: 1 burn pile reignited, 1 gas leak, and 1 grass fire. Year to date total number of calls has been 96. The burn ban is currently on. He reported that there is a plan to remove the tank from Brush 5 since it cannot be safety tested and therefore the vehicle cannot be driven without a current test. The reason Brush 5 cannot be tested is because the companies doing that type of inspection cannot inspect a vehicle they did not build. Engine 3 has had a recall for a main computer update, but there has been problems with the switch in the cab and the engine will be taken to San Angelo for service.
5. Treasurer's Report:
Amy Palmer reported that all bills have been paid and that the funds approved for transfer to savings at the September meeting have been transferred as approved. The full treasurer's report is on file.
6. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action on Treasurer's Report:
Kari Potter moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented. Kathleen Vincent seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action on ESD3 2024-2025 budget:
Danny Langbein reviewed the amended 2024-2025 budget with respect to the adopted tax rate at the September meeting. Amy Palmer moved to approve the amended budget as presented. Kari Potter seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The approved amended budget is on file with ESD3.
8. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action on lithium battery storage facility:
Amy Palmer reported that ESD3 attorney will send a letter stating the ESD3 concerns about the proposed lithium battery storage facility in the ESD3/CPVFD fire district with regards to public welfare and firefighter safety to BESS. Pct. 2 Commissioner Rich Paces reported that the Commissioners' Court is currently exploring options for Kerr County related to these facilities, but that there are currently no regulations available to the county. Kari Potter reported that she had met Glenn Trubee, Asst. Fire Chief/ Fire Marshall of Lake Travis Fire Rescue, at the SAFE-D training regarding the upcoming 2025 89th State Legislative session in Austin recently and he would be willing to share information that he has regarding lithium battery storage facilities with ESD3.

ESD3 commissioners agreed to schedule a workshop as soon as possible and invite people knowledgeable of the issues concerning lithium battery storage facilities in order to facilitate a dialogue and gain information.

9. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action on training for ESD3 Commissioners:

Commissioners are continuing to take the required training classes through SAFE-D's online classes.

10. Reports:

Danny Langbein reported that Commission Kathleen Vincent has tendered her resignation to the ESD3 Board of Directors effective December 31, 2024. He thanked her for her 3 years of service on the ESD3 Board.

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Lithium battery storage facility

The next meeting will November 25, 2024.

12. Adjourn:

Jeff Mitchell moved to adjourn at 6:50. Kari Potter seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

NOTE: Commissioners, if necessary, may go into closed executive session under Section 2 Article 6256-17 to meet with its attorney or to discuss matters related to real property or contracts. No session is currently planned.

Minutes approved by ESD 3 Commissioners.

President