

**Burnet County ESD #3 meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 3, 2020, Starting at 2:00 PM**  
**Granite Shoals Fire Station**  
**8410 West RR 1431, Granite Shoals, TX**

1. *Call to Order:* President Steve Tatom called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. *Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America*
3. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas State Flag:* “Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.” The pledges to the flags were recited.
4. *Statement regarding the presence of a Quorum of Commissioners:* President Tatom stated that with the presence of three commissioners there existed a quorum to conduct District business. Present were Mr. Bucky Brady and Ms. Joanne Hanifan. Absent were Ms. Terri Enloe and Mr. Jerry Schappe.
5. *Recognition of Guests:* Mr. Tatom welcomed meeting guests. The City of Granite Shoals was represented by Mayor Pro Tem Jim Davant, Council Member Dr. Steve Hougen, City Manager Jeff Looney, Financial Manager Russell Marin, Fire Department Chief Austin Stanphill and Assistant Chief Tim Campbell.
6. *Ask for Citizen’s comment and input. No action, including discussion or deliberation, will be undertaken at this time:* No comments made.
7. *Discussion and/or action on establishing the Tax Rate for 2020-2021:* Mr. Tatom asked for a motion to set the tax rate for the coming year. Ms. Hanifan moved and Mr. Brady seconded a motion to set the tax rate for the coming year at 0.06018 per \$100 assessed evaluation. Motion passed.
8. *Discussion and/or action on Existing Contracts:*
  - a. *Proposal from the City of Granite Shoals for additional funding in the current contract and in succeeding years of the contract.* Mr. Tatom reviewed the discussion from the August 13 meeting. Mr. Tatom moved that the motion passed at that meeting be modified to \$42,700 per year contingent on the City hiring the equivalent of a third full time fire fighter. Mr. Tatom asked the status of negotiations with the City of Highland Haven. Chief Stanphill responded that he had presented the proposal to the City but the City is still in the budget hearing process and so he has no definitive response to the proposal. Mr. Tatom then went over the costs that were presented in the letter from Mayor Brugger. He asked questions regarding the \$10,500 identified for ppe, wildland gear and uniforms. Mr. Tatom noted he could not find that amount in the proposed City budget. Mr. Brady asked if the positions would share gear and Chief Stanphill responded that he hopes to avoid that due to cleaning requirements and long drying times. Chief Stanphill noted he had other sets of gear but may need to order new gear depending upon the sizes of the new firefighters. Chief Stanphill noted that he is looking into various grants that would support the purchasing of new gear. Mr. Tatom asked when the new people would start working and Chief Stanphill responded that they will start on October 1, 2020. Assistant Chief Campbell stated that gear has already been allocated but with new people more gear is needed. Chief Stanphill noted he is trying to replace the wildland gear. Chief Stanphill pointed out that there was a significant increase in the line item Special Department Supplies and that money covers the cost of the gear for the new positions and firefighters. Chief Stanphill stated he would not put anyone on a truck without the appropriate gear. Mr. Davant noted that the City’s budget hearing is Tuesday night and that he will make certain the funds are there to take care of the gear for the new hires. Following this discussion Mr. Tatom amended his motion to increase the funding in the Contract from \$42,700 to \$43,500. Ms. Hanifan seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mr.

Tatom noted that this was a motion to change the contract. The funds will have to be allocated at a later date. Mr. Tatom thanked the City for supporting the Fire Department. Mr. Davant stated that the Fire Department responds to calls for an area of about 30 square miles and with an assessed value of about \$1.3 billion dollars, about the same value as the City of Marble Falls. Mr. Tatom noted that the ESD supports the Fire Department and wants to pay a fair share of the costs. He noted that the ESD is currently paying about 30% of the costs. This figure partly based upon the number of emergency calls that the Department responds to within the District boundaries which is usually between 18 to 24% of the monthly emergency calls.

9. *Discussion and/or action on Pending Fiscal Year 2021 Bills: (Brady)*

- a. *City of Granite Shoals:* Mr. Brady requested that we approve the first quarterly payment to the City based upon the current contract. Mr. Brady moved that we pay the \$49,000 due October 1. Ms. Hanifan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. *BCAD:* Mr. Brady noted that the fourth quarterly payment was due October 1 for \$803.21. He moved that the bill be paid, Ms. Hanifan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. *Internal Items and Establish tasks for next meeting:* None

11. *Discussion and/or action on establishing time, date and location of next meeting:*

- a. The next meeting will be on September 10, 2020 starting at 2:00 p.m.

12. *Close meeting:* Mr. Tatom adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Joanne Hanifan, Secretary ESD #3