

Burnet County ESD #3 Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 10, 2021, Starting at 2:00 PM
Granite Shoals Fire Department
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:* Mr. Tatom stated that since there were three commissioners present that a quorum existed to conduct District business. Present were Mr. Tatom, Mr. Bucky Brady and Ms. Joanne Hanifan
5. *Recognition of Guests:* Mr. Tatom recognized the presence of Pct. 1 Commissioner Jim Luther and Chief Austin Stanphill of the GSFD.
6. *Ask for Citizen's comment and input. No action, including discussion or deliberation, will be undertaken at this time:* No comments were made at this time.
7. *Discussion with Pct. 1 County Commissioner Jim Luther:* Commissioner Luther reported that they are still working at repairing the damage to the roads caused by the February freeze. Currently working on CR 120 and he noted that CR 120A is in bad shape. The development called Big Creek, a 352-lot development, has put in fire hydrants and will have a fire hose connection to the water tank. Comm. Luther noted that the adoption of a Fire Code can give regulatory authority to make new developments include fire protection measures. Mr. Luther reported that TxDOT has finished their study on traffic conditions on RR 1431 and preliminary proposals include reducing the speed limit on RR 1431 from CR 120 west to 55 mph. The current 55 mph limit section will be reduced to 45 mph up to the bridge. The other side will be at 40 mph. There was no proposal to change the flashing lights to a signal at CR 120 and RR 1431. Comm. Luther noted that his regular road maintenance schedule has been postponed due to the freeze damage repairs that are needed throughout the Precinct. There were 90 new 911 addresses added to the list last month. Chief Stanphill noted that Honeymoon Ranch has been sold and is under a development agreement with the City of Granite Shoals. There is a proposal for a high-end RV resort on the Wirtz Dam Road. Some of the ranches being sold are going for \$23,000 an acre. Commissioner Luther noted that the County did not receive any FEMA money from the freeze damage and the current funds are coming from the American Recovery Act.
8. *Discussion and/or action on the Monthly Contract Report: (Tatom)*
 - a. *Chief Austin Stanphill, Granite Shoals Fire Department*
 - i. *Monthly Report for May 2021:* See report. Chief Austin Stanphill went over the monthly report for May. He also discussed the new addition to the department, an enclosed wheelhouse, twin engine boat to be used for lake and fire needs. The current boat is too small, too difficult to get in and out, and too difficult to lift patients into the boat. The Auxiliary has agreed to pay for any needed repair and equipment upgrades. A GSFD member with past experience with this type of boat will undertake a great deal of the work. Discussion of FY 22 budget requests can be found in Item12. Chief Stanphill mentioned that future budget needs will include expansion of the number of equipment bays to house the boat and a future ladder truck.
9. *Reading and Acceptance of the Minutes of the May 13, 2021 meeting:* Mr. Tatom moved and Mr. Brady seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read with the one correction. Motion carried.
10. *Reading and Acceptance of Treasurer's Report:*
 - a. *See Monthly Reports for Account Status:* Mr. Brady went over the monthly report. Two CDs need to be renewed this month, one at BBVA and one at Security State. Mr. Tatom will look into the Texas fund where the interest may be higher. Mr. Tatom moved and Ms. Hanifan seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
 - b. *Pending Bills:* The bills for the City and BCAD were due on the first and have been previously approved for payment. A bill was received from Ms. Griffin for web site work for \$100.00. Mr. Tatom moved and Ms. Hanifan approved the payment of the bill. Motion carried
 - c. *Reimbursements/ Banking Matters/ Other Money Related Items:*
 - i. *Monthly Bills/ Credit Card:* One card was approved and will be sent to the PO Box.

- ii. *BCAD Information Request:* Mr. Brady signed the wrong form and had to sign a form acknowledging that 830 acres had been annexed by the City.
- 11. *Discussion and/or action on Budget for Fiscal Year 2021:* No issues.
 - a. *Answering Service:* In the works.
- 12. *Discussion and/or action on Budget for Fiscal Year 2022:*
 - a. Chief Stanphill went over the Fire Department's initial request. His primary request was to increase the hourly rates for all paid fire fighters and improve the benefits. He wants to change one paid position to a Lieutenant supervisory position. Chief Stanphill is also looking at a part time Fire Marshall position to assist with the work resulting from the building boom. For equipment needs, Chief Stanphill emphasized the age of the trucks and the need to replace them. He noted that there would be a budget retreat with the Council in July and he would have a better idea of what might be in his budget after that event.
 - b. Mr. Tatom led a discussion of the district budget needs. There is a question of how the *de minimis* process works regarding/increasing the tax rate. Mr. Brady had discussed this with Mr. Hemphill of BCAD and indicated that more guidance would be coming from BCAD. Mr. Tatom directed Mr. Brady show in the budget that we had moved money from our reserves into the past year's budget to show how we managed the underage that had occurred with the changes made at the beginning of the fiscal year 2021. Chief Stanphill suggested talking with Mr. Looney, City Manager, regarding the issues.
- 13. *Discussion and/or action on the Existing Contracts:* No discussion or action.
 - a. *City of Granite Shoals for time period FY 2019 to FY 2023*
 - b. *Tabor & Burnett*
- 14. *Discussion and/or action on communications from Legal Counsel:* None to report.
- 15. *Discussion and/or action regarding ESD concerns on LCRA and Lake LBJ:* Discussion of the fatality that occurred in Horse Shoe Bay. No action.
- 16. *Discussion and/or action on training for Commissioners:* It was noted that the next SAFE-D conference will be at the Kalahari Resort in Round Rock, February 16,17,18, 2022
- 17. *Discussion and/or action on public interaction by Commissioners:* None to report.
- 18. *Discussion and/or action on incoming mail:* Ms. Hanifan noted that the mail had been turned over to Mr. Brady.
 - a. BCAD
 - i. Tax Collections for 5/1/2021 to 5/15/2021 of \$238.25
 - ii. Tax Collections for 5/16/2021 to 5/30/2021 of \$2,268.04 and \$0.26
 - iii. Information request for Truth in Taxation website
 - b. Banks
 - i. BancorpSouth
 - 1. Statement for May 2021, Ending Balance of \$128,806.38
 - ii. BBVA
 - 1. Renewal Notice for CD, Maturity Date 6/8/2021, estimated value at maturity will be \$62,732.95; Renewal due by 6/18/2021
 - iii. Security State Bank & Trust
 - 1. Statement for May 2021, Ending Balance of 410,760.5
 - 2. Renewal Notice for CD, Maturity Date 6/18/2021, estimated value at maturity will be \$40,231.29, Automatically renewed on 6/18/2021 for one year or 6/18/2022
 - c. Bills
 - i. Tami Griffin for \$100.00 for the month of May
- 19. *Internal Items and Establish tasks for next meeting: (All*
 - a. Mr. Brady will refine the budget for FY 2022 and make additions to the FY 2021 budget
 - b. A schedule for the newspaper ads needs to be established.
 - c. Chief Stanphill has requested that we look into establishing a Fire code for the district.
- 20. *Discussion and/or action on establishing time, date and location of next meeting:*
 - a. The next meeting will be on July 8, 2021 starting at 2:00 p.m.
- 21. *Close meeting:* Mr. Tatom adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Joanne Hanifan, Secretary ESD #3