

Caldwell County Emergency Services District #3

Board Meeting MINUTES

February 12, 2026

Board Meeting held at the Martindale Volunteer Fire Department located at:
111 Lockhart Street, Martindale, TX 78655

1. Meeting called to order at 6:29 pm
 - (a) Commissioners Present: Bill Hamilton, Robert Moreno, Mark Jungers Absent: Josie Martinez, David Murdoch Also in Attendance: Chief Germer, Laurel Schuelke, Joe Mahlie, Matt Tanksley
 - (b) Quorum present
2. **Review and approve Minutes from the January 8, 2026 Board meeting** – Robert Moreno motioned to approve the minutes as written – Mark Jungers 2nd – Passed 3-0
3. **Reports**
 - (a) Call Report from MVFD – There were 29 calls in January
 - (b) Financial Report – Presented by Mark Jungers
 - (c) Employee Handbook – No discussion
 - (d) MVFD current financial issues – Laurel Schuelke reported that a copy of the 2024 Tax Return had been received and that the IRS fine for late filing had been paid and cleared the bank account. The ESD is awaiting a copy of the current year budget. Their meeting last month was canceled, there will be a meeting on Tuesday February 17.
 - (e) ESD Annual Audit Update - Robert Moreno reported that he has talked to Margaret Nixon and would like to have a conference call with her and Laurel to answer Margaret's questions as she works on the report.
 - (f) Building update – Bill Hamilton reported that VERITAS confirmed receipt of the files they needed on 1/21/26 for the plan review. Frank Gomillion is coordinating with Rose at the USDA on the package formatting for the Noble General bid.
4. **Discussion / Action items:**
 - (a) Brush Truck Replacement plans
 - 1) B63 remount – MVFD has allowed \$20,000 in funds for the remount project. A 2015 RAM 5500 Tradesman was purchased. The existing box may be re-useable on that chassis. \$8,734 is being requested to put the vehicle in service, plus a repaint or a wrap of the vehicle. Bill Hamilton motioned to approve up to \$16,800 for the upfit of the new B63 – Robert Moreno 2nd – Passed 3-0
 - 2) There is a grant from TX Forestry Service for \$265,000 to purchase a new brush truck. Chief Germer has found a good vehicle option being offered by Weis Fire and Safety for \$308,096. After much discussion no decision was made.
 - (b) Grant planning list – no discussion
 - (c) Review and approve expenses – Bill Hamilton motioned to approve payment of the VISA bill in the amount of \$2,643.89 by auto draft; \$50 to CCFCA for annual dues; \$82.10 for a Walmart reimbursement to Drew Schulle; \$8,810.68 to GKZ for payment of the bid awarding stage and for reimbursement of D&B reports run on the bidders; \$501.44 to MES for safety equipment; \$5,469.83 to Siddons-Martin for B61 repairs and P.M.; \$457.80 to B. Solis Mobil Service for B63; and \$39 to Casco for shipping charges on their last invoice – Mark Jungers 2nd – Passed 3-0
5. Announcements: None
6. Set next meeting time and date – **Thursday 3-12-2026** – 6:30pm
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm