

Burnet County ESD #3 Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Starting at 2:00 p.m.
March 12, 2026
Granite Shoals Fire Department

1. *Call to Order:* Vice President Pam McGregor 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:* Ms. McGregor stated that with the presence of four commissioners a quorum existed to conduct ESD #3 business as listed in the posted agenda. Present were Ms. McGregor, Mr. Bob Childress, Mr. Bucky Bradys and Ms. Joanne Hanifan. Mr. Steve Tatom could not attend.
5. *Recognition of Guests:* Ms. McGregor recognized the presence of Chief Tim Campbell and Assistant Chief Joshua Nugent of the Granite Shoals Fire and Rescue Department.
6. *Ask for Citizen comments and input. No Action, including discussion or deliberation, will be undertaken at this time.* No comments were offered.
7. *Discussion with Pct. 1 County Commissioner Jim Luther:* Commissioner Luther was unable to attend.
8. *Discussion and/or action on the Monthly Contract Report:*
 - a. *Chief Tim Campbell, Granite Shoals Fire Department-*Chief Campbell reported that the boat has 2 new Honda 250 motors which were acquired via military surplus. The motor had the same linkage and were easy to install. Chief Campbell also acquired some lights and had expressed interest in a command vehicle that had a generator. Chief Campbell reported that they were installing tool boards in the bays of the new truck so that each the tools will have a secured location rather than being lose within the bay. They are working on putting a new reporting system in place as the one they were using was not sufficient for their needs. Chief Campbell will have an end of year recap report for 2025 as soon as possible.
9. *Discussion/Update on activities in other ESDs adjacent to ESD#3*
 - a. *Discussion and/or action regarding the temporary financial support for Burnet County ESD 11 to help cover start up and administrative costs until BCESD 11 can receive ad valorem tax revenue.* Without Mr. Tatom’s presence for a more precise information, it was indicated that ESD 11 was looking at taking out a loan to cover their initial costs. There was some discussion on the initial meeting of the Burnet Count ESDs and identifying the issues that we all face. Chief Campbell noted that the southern Burnet County fire chiefs have been working to coordinate purchasing the same type of equipment in each station to facilitate interaction during mutual aid responses. At the meeting there was general discussions on ESD issues we all face, issues relating to appointing a Fire Marshall and various funding issues.
10. *Reading and Acceptance of the Minutes of the February 12, 2026 meeting:* Mr. Campbell moved and Ms. McGregor seconded the motion to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried.
11. *Reading and Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report:*
 - a. *See Monthly Reports for Account Status:* Mr. Brady went over the report.
 - b. *Pending Bills:* We received a \$25 bill from Mr. Ken Campbell. Also due is the previously approved quarterly payment to BCAD of \$1,175.48. Ms. McGregor moved and Mr. Childress seconded the motion that Mr. Campbell’s bill be paid. Motion carried.
 - c. *Banking Matters*

- i. Interactions with Banks- Mr. Brady renewed the CD for 8 months at 4% rate of interest. We had earned \$1900 in interest during the last period. The new CD will renew in November.
 - ii. Reimbursements/Credit Card Use- Mr. Brady paid \$1492.58 on Mr. Tatom's credit card use for the conference, including mileage fees. All credit card charges have been paid.
 - iii. Other Money Related Items: Mr. Brady lead the discussion on mixing funds in investments. He noted that it will require a policy revision and he is looking into alternate investment sources for a higher interest rates. At this time, he thinks it is better if we keep the funds separate. He will investigate TexPool regarding their current interest offers. It was agreed that we need to maximize the amount of interest money that we can earn on our funds.
 - iv. Mr. Brady noted that we received only \$17,964 in Sales tax collection in March. This is the second lowest amount we have received and probably reflects the reduced spending that is normal in January.
- d. Mr. Childress moved and Ms. McGregor seconded the motion that we accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
12. *Discussion and/or action on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026:* Mr. Brady stated there was nothing to report. He handed out slightly revised draft Fiscal Year 2027 budgets for our review. He indicated that the tax rate was a best guess at this time. Ms. McGregor said that she would add Fiscal Year 2027 to the agenda.
13. *Discussion and/or action on the Existing/Pending Contracts:*
- a. City of Granite Shoals Contract for Fire and Related Services- FY 2026 to FY 2031 Ms. McGregor asked Chief Campbell is there were any issues on the contract and he said there were none.
 - b. ORW- Audit: Audit is complete nothing to report.
 - c. Clicktunity- Ms. McGregor noted that Clicktunity is still working on correcting the web site.
 - d. HdL- Sales Tax Update and Services: see report. Ms. McGregor went over the snapshot report. As noted above the amount we received was the second lowest since we started collecting sales taxes.
 - e. Marble Falls Communications – Mr. Brady stated that we were paid for the year.
14. *Discussion and/or action of communications from Legal Counsel:* Mr. Brady had contacted Mr. Campbell.
15. *Discussion and/or action on training for Commissioners:* Copies of credit forms to Sec'y.
16. *Discussion and/or action of public interaction by Commissioners:* None to report.
17. *Discussion and/or action on incoming mail:* See List Ms. Hanifan went over the list noting that almost all the items were financial related and were passed along to Mr. Brady.
18. *Internal Items and Establish Tasks for the next meeting:*
- a. Discussion on Future Planning Needs
 - b. Tatom - Update on loan proposal
 - c. Brady- Gather more information on the costs of a brush truck \$250,000 to \$275,000 which includes most of the basic equipment. Additional costs are for communication equipment of \$10,000 to \$15,000.
19. *Discussion and/or action on establishing time, date, and location of next meeting: (Tatom)*
- a. The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, April 9, 2026 starting at 2:00 p.m.
20. *Close the Meeting: Ms. McGregor adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.*

Joanne Hanifan, Secretary, ESD #3

Mail Received from March 9 to April 8, 2026

BCAD:

Tax Collections Activity, March 1 to March 15	\$ 3,309.16
Tax Collections Activity, March 16 to March 31 28	\$ 6,221.49 + \$0.47
ESD #3 share of 2025 BCAD budget excess	\$ 934.63

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Sales Tax Summary, Ending March 10, 2026	\$17,964.08
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City of Highland Haven

Notice regarding annexation by the City of two lots in Shady Acres Lot No. 176 and Lot No. 177. Public Meeting to be held April 7

Banks/Financial Institutions

Cadence Bank

List of securities pledged to BCESD#3 as of February 28, 2026

Security State Bank

March Monthly Statement	Balance	\$11,149.61
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Credit Card Statement for Joanne Hanifan Zero Balance, \$25 for answering service.

VFIS

Information on TX HB4144 that took effect on January 1, 2026 that requires coverage for serious health issues that retirees may experience due to their firefighting experience.

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Ad for solutions to hybrid meeting issues.