

**Burnet County ESD #3 Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, Starting at 2:00 p.m.**  
**April 9, 2026**  
**Granite Shoals Fire Department**

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 were recited.
4. *Statement regarding the presence of a Quorum of Commissioners:* Mr. Tatom stated that with five commissioners presented there existed a quorum to conduct District business according to the posted agenda. Present were Mr. Tatom, Mr. Bucky Brady, Ms. Pam McGregor, Mr. Bob Childress and Ms. Joanne Hanifan.
5. *Recognition of Guests:* Mr. Tatom recognized the presence of Mr. Andy Adams, City Administrator, City of Highland Haven; and 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.* None were made.
7. *Discussion with Pct. 1 County Commissioner Jim Luther:* Comm 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 65% of the ordered Wildland Fire gear had been delivered. Rakes, chain saws, etc. are already loaded onto the trucks. The bulk order allowed them to acquire additional items such as fire shelters. Next week the Chief will be at the conference in Waco, Chief Nugent will be there for four days. The new engines are being installed on boat. There will a boat rescue class in June for the new employees. Lts. Bjorn and Short will complete instructor certification. The Texas State High School BBQ Competition will be at the Granite Park the week/weekend of April 25. Judges are needed. Over 2000 students or 140 teams are anticipated in the competition. Qualifying are being held this week. Chiefs Ortez (GSPD) and Campbell have been working with the Marble Falls Team. The Howdy -Roo Chili and BBQ Cook Off competition will be the following weekend. May 14 will see Granite Fest at the park with a variety of music and family fun. The ESO reporting system is starting to work out. The burn ban has been lifted and the month was pretty normal for the number and nature of the calls.
  - b. Discussion on acquisition of a brush truck – Chief Campbell went over the prices for a brush truck based on vehicles purchased by local departments and information from the dealers. The preferred truck is a Skeeter as it is made for wildland fires and rough terrain. MFFRD bought one for about \$315k or less. HSBFD purchased a Wies for \$225k. These prices do not include radios for the truck and handhelds. That would be another \$25k. Mr. Tatom asked about the GSFRD listing on the State Fire Service grant process. Chief Campbell noted that while GSFRD was high the State grant list, things have changed with the northern wildfires and the recent funding from the last legislative session and they are now not on the list. They will apply again but that might still be a 3 year or more waiting time before they will be close to the top of the list.
9. *Discussion/Update on activities in other ESDs adjacent to ESD#3*
  - a. Discussion and/or action regarding loan proposal made at February meeting – ESD 11 said thank you for the offer but they are pursuing taking out a loan from the bank where they intend to open accounts. Mr. Brady noted that he has been attending the ESD 11 meetings. Chief Campbell reported that there have been discussions on coverage of the

Hoover Valley area and Dispatch will tone GSFRD if there no response from Hoover Valley. Mr. Brady asked for clarification of a letter from the City of Highland Haven regarding annexation of two lots in the Shady Acres subdivision. He is concerned regarding the annual BCAD request for annexation/de-annexation information. Ms. McGregor responded that the two lots were actually in Highland Haven. This was discovered as a result of a City boundary resurvey.

10. *Reading and Acceptance of the Minutes of the March 12, 2026 meeting:* Ms. McGregor moved and Mr. Childress seconded the motion that the minutes be accepted as amended. Motion carried.
11. *Reading and Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report:*
  - a. See Monthly Reports for Account Status: Mr. Brady noted that the CDs accrue the interest earned at the time of renewal and during the period of the CD.
  - b. Pending Bills: No bills received. BCAD sent a check for \$934.63 as our share of monies paid but not used from the previous year. The money will go into the ad valorem account.
  - c. Banking Matters
    - i. Interactions with Banks:
    - ii. Reimbursements/Credit Card Use- Mr. Brady is having issues getting access to all the credit card accounts on his computer so that he can pay the bills at the beginning of the month. He requested that we not use our cards until he can resolve that issue with the Security State Bank.
    - iii. Other Money Related Items:
      1. Discussion on mixing funds in investments- If we co-mingle the funds we will have to revise our policy.
      2. Discussion on alternate investment sources for higher interest- Mr. Brady noted that the current rate at TexPool is 3.6% while it is over 4% at Cadence Bank.
  - d. Ms. Hanifan moved and Ms. McGregor seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
12. *Discussion and/or action on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026* – Ms. McGregor had a question on the payment to the City of Granite Shoals for \$400,000 this quarter's payment and the check for \$450,000. Mr. Brady and Mr. Tatom explained that the \$400,000 was the quarterly amount due the City. The \$50,000 was a separate approval for specialized Wildland Fire equipment in the last quarter of FY25 and is not an addition to the annual contract amount. It was approved to combined the two payments into one check.
13. *Discussion and/or action on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2027-* Mr. Brady passed out a draft budget for FY 27.
14. *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 Nothing to report.
  - b. ORW- Audit: The audit is completed and has been posted on the web site.
  - c. Clicktunity- Ms. McGregor said that changes were being made to web site, adding new pictures and correcting the sales tax data.
  - d. HdL- Sales Tax Update and Services: There was general discussion on sales tax sources. Mr. Tatom commented on the new boat store NXLVL on RR1431. He said they would sell high end boats and have 23 slips for rent. The Kingsland Commons development will be another source of sales tax, current status in unknown.
  - e. Marble Falls Communications – Nothing to report.
15. *Discussion and/or action of communications from Legal Counsel:* Mr. McGregor talked with Mr. Campbell regarding the upcoming budget process and our tax rate. Mr. Campbell cautioned

against setting too low of a tax rate as in might impact our di minimis status and loose the calculation done by BCAD.

*16. Discussion and/or action on training for Commissioners:*

- a. February 11-13, 2027 at Kalahari Convention Center

*17. Discussion and/or action of public interaction by Commissioners: None to report.*

*18. Discussion and/or action on incoming mail: See List*

*19. Internal Items and Establish Tasks for the next meeting:*

- a. *Discussion on Future Planning Needs*
- b. *Ms. McGregor informed us that she would not be at the May meeting.*
- c. *Hdl will be here at the June meeting.*
- d. *Follow up on truck discussion, Chief Campbell to provide information on the grant process.*

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

- a. *The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, June 11, 2026 starting at 2:00 p.m.*

*21. Close the Meeting: Mr. Tatom adjourned the meeting at 3:09 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.

### **Triton**

Ad for solutions to hybrid meeting issues.