

**Burnet County ESD #3 Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, Starting at 2:00 p.m.**  
**May 14, 2026**  
**Granite Shoals Fire Department**

1. *Call to Order:* President Steve Tatom called the meeting to order at 2:04 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 the attendance of four of the commissioners a quorum existed to conduct District business as set forth on the posted business meeting agenda. In attendance were Mr. Tatom, Mr. Bucky Brady, Mr. Bob Childress and Ms. Joanne Hanifan. Ms. Pam McGregor did not attend.
5. *Recognition of Guests:* Mr. Tatom acknowledged the presence of Pct. 1 Commissioner Mr. Jim Luther, Mr. Gene Broadway and Pete Fuselier from Burnet County ESD #11, Mr. Patrick May, and Assistant Chief Joshua Nugent, GSFD.
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 commented that current issues of concern were the proposed rock crusher quarry and the PUC proposed 765 kV line to west Texas across northern Burnet County. He noted that there is very little that the County can do directly except to offer comments and concerns to the permit issuing body. The main issue with the quarry is the amount of water usage being proposed given the long-standing draught conditions in the area, the continuing growth and increased water demand in the area, additional truck traffic on local roads, and the proximity to, and impact on Long Horn Cavern State Park. Comm. Luther said that 3 County Commissioners will testify at the Austin hearing on the 765kV lines. There are three lines being proposed into west Texas one from the north, one from the south, and the one from the west that is proposed to pass through Burnet County. They will be requesting more data regarding the lines and commenting on the impacts to the local communities and life style of the area. There are some concerns arising in the legislature on the project. Mr. Luther responded to a question on the dust generated by the quarry that the County has no authority on that issue.
8. *Discussion and/or action on the Monthly Contract Report:*
  - a. *Chief Tim Campbell, Granite Shoals Fire Department-* Assistant Chief Joshua Nugent gave the report as Chief Campbell was attending an EMS conference in Port Aransas. Port. See monthly report. Local events locally kept very busy during the month of April. Chief Campbell is preparing for in ISO inspection on Tuesday. This inspection is for one day every two years. The Department is looking at having 100% of the staff capable in handling any incident that may occur and is working to provide the appropriate training. Chief Nugent reported that 2 of the three shifts now have a paramedic as part of the shift personnel. He also reported that 40% of the personal wildland fire gear such as boots, helmets and goggles, have been handed out to staff. The boat will be finished within a week being fitted with new engines. The FD is currently using the Police Department boat when needed.
  - b. *Discussion and/or action on acquisition of a brush truck-* Chief Nugent presented information on the grant possibilities for funding of a new brush truck. The Fire Service will not be accepting new grant requests until January 2027. Priority may be given to northern Texas counties fire departments where equipment issues were identified in the major fire in 2024. Mr. Childress asked what the average age of the current department

brush trucks and Chief Nugent responded that all three were about 20 years old, they are from 2002, 2011 and 2016. Chief Nugent passed out a listing of prices from two preferred manufacturers. Weis quoted \$336,938 and Skeeter had a price range of \$265,000 to \$350,000. It was noted that tariffs will most likely impact the prices. Weis has an 18-month lead time but the Department likes the way they are built. Skeeter has 5 trucks currently in the production line with completion dates of 2/28/27 or sooner. All built on a Ford 550 chassis. These prices do not include the cost of radios/computers which is estimated to be about \$25,000.

9. *Discussion/Update on activities in other ESDs adjacent to ESD#3*

- a. *Discussion of issues regarding a Fire Marshall with ESD 11 President Gene Broadway-* ESD 11 President Gene Broadway went over the discussion he had with the County Judge and 2 County Commissioners regarding Fire Codes and a Fire Marshall. They discussed the pros and cons of fire codes. Currently Bertrem and Spicewood have fire codes. The impact is mostly for commercial buildings and not so much for single family residential homes. Information is needed from all the ESDs on the pros and cons. The sense was that ESD's would adopt a fire code with enforcement at the county level. Questions were raised on how the workload would be shared, would annual inspections be done by the local departments, how costs would be allocated. Commissioner Luther stated that current legislation has reduced the County's ability to regulate development and that a fire code could be beneficial. Mr. Tatom noted that there are many issues to resolve prior to adopting a fire code. It was noted that a fire code is significant in ISO ratings and is helpful in firefighter safety issues. We need to look forward at future development in the next 5 to twenty years.
- b. *Burnet County ESD-* It is planned that the County ESDs will be meeting on June 17, 2026 at the Granite Shoals FD. Mr. Brady confirmed that there were no conflicts on the calendar. ESD 5 will act as hosts with coordination and notification being done by the original meeting coordinators.

10. *Reading and Acceptance of the Minutes of the April 9, 2026 meeting: Mr. Childress moved and Mr. Brady seconded the motion to accept the April meeting minutes. Motion carried.*

11. *Reading and Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report:*

- a. *See Monthly Reports for Account Status:* Mr. Brady reported that Cadence Bank is changing to Huntington Bank in June. Mr. Brady had to resolve an issue with 2 CDs that were missed entered by the bank. The issue has been resolved and set correctly at 4%. BCAD released our Freeze Adjusted Taxable Value of \$734,859,701 for the next year's budgeting process. That amount is about \$31 million less than last year's amount.
- b. *Pending Bills:* We received a bill of \$225 from Mr. Ken Campbell. Our renewal of our liability insurance with VFIS will cost \$2227. Mr. Brady noted that he did not have a separate treasurer's bond which is recommended. The fee is \$500/year. Mr. Tatom moved and Ms. Hanifan seconded the motion for Mr. Brady to acquire a treasurer's bond. Motion carried. Mr. Childress moved and Ms. Hanifan seconded the motion to pay the received bills and accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
- c. *Banking Matters*
  - i. *Interactions with Banks-* See above.
  - ii. *Reimbursements/Credit Card Use* Mr. Brady has been working with Security Bank to make sure that he can review all of our accounts and charges. The change over in processors had changed this ability.
  - iii. *Other Money Related Items:*

12. *Discussion and/or action on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-* The fee for the treasurer's bond is not in the budget. Mr. Brady will make adjustments as needed.

13. *Discussion and/or action on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2027-* Mr. Brady may need to review the draft budget due to the reduction in evaluation sent by BCAD.

14. *Discussion and/or action on the Existing/Pending Contracts: (Brady, Tatom, McGregor)*
- a. City of Granite Shoals Contract for Fire and Related Services- FY 2026 to FY 2031- No change in status.
  - b. ORW- Audit: No change in status.
  - c. Clicktunity- No change in status.
  - d. HdL- Sales Tax Update and Services: No report
  - e. Marble Falls Communications – No change in status.
15. *Discussion and/or action of communications from Legal Counsel:* None to report.
16. *Discussion and/or action on training for Commissioners:* None to report.
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. Further discussion and/or action on the acquisition of a Brush Truck
  - c. Further work on FY 2027 Budget
  - d. Mr. Childress will not be attending the June meeting.
20. *Discussion and/or action on establishing time, date, and location of next meeting:*
- a. The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, July 9, 2026 starting at 2:00 p.m.
21. *Close the Meeting:* Mr. Tatom adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

Joanne Hanifan, Secretary, ESD #3