

**MINUTES  
OF  
WHARTON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT (ESD) NO. 3  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2024**

President Herman Wolff, Jr. declared a Regular Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 7:00 P.M.

Boards of Directors present were: Gary Bonewald, Marc Sangalli, and Herman Wolff, Jr.

Board of Directors absent was: Adraylle Watson.

Visitors present were: Attorney Howard Singleton, City of Wharton Finance Director Joan Andel, City of Wharton EMS Director Christy Gonzales, Kenneth Wittig, and Theresa Wittig.

The second item on the agenda was roll call and excused absences. After some discussion, Boardmember Marc Sangalli moved to excuse Boardmember Adraylle Watson. Boardmember Gary Bonewald seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was public comments. No comments were given. No action was taken.

The fourth item on the agenda was to Administer: Statement of Appointed Officer and Oath of Office. City of Wharton Director of Planning and Development, Gwyn Teves, administered the oath of office to President Herman Wolff, Jr.

The fifth item on the agenda was a presentation to outgoing Boardmember Kenneth Wittig. President Herman Wolff, Jr. presented outgoing Boardmember Kenneth Wittig with a plaque for his years of service to the board.

The sixth item on the agenda was the reading of the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 14, 2023. After some discussion, Boardmember Gary Bonewald moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 14, 2023. Boardmember Marc Sangalli seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The seventh item on the agenda was to review and consider the publication of the location of the ESD No.3 administration office. City of Wharton Finance Director Joan Andel presented the previous year's publication in the Wharton Journal Spectator for the location of the ESD No.3 administration office. After some discussion, Boardmember Marc Sangalli moved to approve the publication of the location of the ESD No. 3 administration office. Boardmember Gary Bonewald seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The eighth item on the agenda was to review and consider the Appointment of Officers.

- A. President.
- B. Vice-President.

- C. Secretary.
- D. Treasurer.
- E. Assistant Treasurer.

After some discussion, Boardmember Marc Sangalli moved to appoint the following:

- A. President. – Herman Wolff, Jr.
- B. Vice-President. – Marc Sangalli
- C. Secretary. – Gary Bonewald
- D. Treasurer. – Gary Bonewald
- E. Assistant Treasurer. – Adraylle Watson
- F. Member at Large – Vacant

Boardmember Gary Bonewald seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The ninth item discussed on the agenda was the City of Wharton's Financial Report for ESD No. 3 and the EMS Department. City of Wharton Finance Director Joan Andel stated that the ESD No. 3 financial statement as of November 30, 2023, consisted of a cash balance of \$419,367.38 at First State Bank, \$212,817.91 at Prosperity Bank and \$20,346.22 at Texasgulf Credit Union. She stated there were revenues of \$641,818 and Expenditures of \$4,246. After some discussion, Boardmember Gary Bonewald made a motion to accept the financial report. Boardmember Marc Sangalli seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The tenth item discussed on the agenda was the City of Wharton Emergency Medical Services Report. City of Wharton EMS Director Christy Gonzales addressed the Board and presented the monthly report for the month of December 2023, which reflected:

Total Response	Emergency Response	Non Emergency	No Loads	Transfers	911 OOC	911 OBW	Flights
292	181	0	111	0	64	101	9

After some discussion, Boardmember Marc Sangalli made a motion to approve the report as presented. Boardmember Gary Bonewald seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The eleventh item on the agenda was to review and consider expenditures. After some discussion, Boardmember Gary Bonewald moved to approve expenditures as presented. Boardmember Marc Sangalli seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The twelfth item on the agenda was to review and consider ESD No. 3 Report in accordance with HB 527 Section 775-06(a) Emergency Service District submitted to Wharton County Commissioners Court. City of Wharton Finance Director Joan Andel presented the Board with a draft copy of a letter in accordance with HB 527 Section 775-06(a) Emergency Service District submitted to Wharton County Commissioners Court in 2023. After some discussion, Boardmember Marc Sangalli moved to approve the letter in accordance with HB 527 Section 775-06(a) Emergency Service District to be submitted to Wharton County Commissioners Court with requested changes and to be approved by the Board President before sending the letter. Boardmember Gary Bonewald seconded the motion. All voted in favor.



The thirteenth item on the agenda was to review and consider Boardmember recommendation to the Wharton County Commissioner's Court. After some discussion, no action was taken.

The fourteenth item on the agenda was to review and consider membership with Safe-D. City of Wharton Finance Director, Joan Andel, stated that at the December 2023 meeting the Board discussed a possible membership with the SAFE-D organization. Mrs. Andel said that SAFE-D offered members a wide range of benefits, including reduced cost of training for ESD commissioners. She said that once an ESD joins, all commissioners, staff, and service providers can take advantage of the lower fees. Finance Director Andel stated the membership was classified by size based on the total tax levies for the previous year and Wharton County ESD No. 3 would be classified as a large district and the annual dues would be \$1,100. After some discussion, Boardmember Gary Bonewald moved to approve a one-year membership with Safe-D and then reconsider when the membership was set to renew. Boardmember Marc Sangalli seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fifteenth item on the agenda was open forum. No comments were given.

The sixteenth item on the agenda was adjournment. After some discussion, Boardmember Gary Bonewald moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Boardmember Marc Sangalli seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**WHARTON COUNTY ESD NO. 3**

By:

  
**HERMAN WOLFF, JR.**  
President

**ATTEST:**

  
**GARY BONEWALD**  
Secretary