

**Minutes for Regular Session
May 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**

GENERAL ITEMS

Prayer was led by Bob Stoudt.

Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were performed.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Walker County ESD #3 Board of Commissioners was called to order by President, Rob McCaffety at 6:31 p.m., at the Crabbs Prairie Volunteer Fire Station 41.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner, Rob McCaffety	President	Present
Commissioner, Huey Campbell	Vice President	Present
Commissioner, Billy Don Avritt	Secretary	Present
Commissioner, Mike Bilberry	Treasurer	Present
Commissioner, David Warner	Assistant Treasurer	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS BOARD/CITIZENS COMMENT

Questions were asked about how to get the Sales Tax passed when it is to assist the ESD and the public sees it as a Tax Increase (it is) but it's a user tax and some re not understanding. It was said to contact the State Legislature on wording.

4. Approve minutes of the April 9, 2026 regular meeting;

Commissioner McCaffety presented information.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Bilberry to APPROVE Minutes as presented.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Campbell.

VOTE: Motion carried.

5. ELECTION AGENDA

Commissioner McCaffety presented information. Regina Adams discussed the items with the Board. Voting 155 for and 166 against.

a. Update on May 2, 2026 Sales and Use Tax Election matters;

b. Review Returns of the Election;

c. Adopt Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Result of the Election;

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Warner to APPROVE Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Result of the Election.

SECOND: Made by Commissioner Avritt.

VOTE: Motion carried.

6. Bookkeeper's Report, including:

Eric Johnston presented information. Commissioner McCaffety presented information

- a. review investment report;
- b. authorizes payment of bills/invoices;

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Campbell to APPROVE above as presented.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bilberry.
VOTE: Motion carried.

7. Annual review of District Investment Policy and adopt Order Regarding Annual Review of Rules, policies and Code of Ethics for the Investment of District Funds;

Regina presented information.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Avritt to APPROVE as presented.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Warner.
VOTE: Motion carried.

8. Finance Committee Report;

Commissioner Bilberry presented information.

ACTION: TABLE at this time.

9. Status of purchase of apparatus (Pumper Truck):

ACTION: No Update.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Campbell to APPROVE no update.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bilberry.
VOTE: Motion carried.

10. Building Committee Report, including:

Commissioner McCaffety presented information

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Bilberry to APPROVE as presented.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Warner.
VOTE: Motion carried.

11. Tax Assessor-Collector's Report, including adopt Order Concerning Exemptions from Taxation for 2026 Tax Year;

Commissioner McCaffety presented information.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Campbell to APPROVE as presented.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Avritt.
VOTE: Motion carried.

12. Webmaster's Report;

Bob Stoudt presented information.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Warner to APPROVE as presented.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Avritt.
VOTE: Motion carried.

13. Review potential available grants and authorize application for same, as necessary;

Bob Stoudt presented information.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Campbell to APPROVE as presented.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Avritt.
VOTE: Motion carried.

14. CPVFD Fire Chief's Report, including:

Chief Justin Baack and Asst. Chief John French presented information.

- a) Fire operations and personnel procurement;
A review was given.
- b) consider requests for acquisition of capital item(s) or amendments to previously-approved requests, including truck purchase, and take any necessary action on same;
Pass at this time
- c) status of transfer of ownership of all CPVFD – owned vehicles to the District;
Pending photos at this time.
- d) status of Texas Forest Service grant and matching of same;
Pending at this time.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Avritt to APPROVE Chief's report as presented.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Warner.
VOTE: Motion carried.

15. Review insurance proposal from VFIS (expires July 3rd) and take necessary actions on same;

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Campbell to APPROVE as presented.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Avritt.
VOTE: Motion carried.

16. Attorney's Report;

Regina – No Report.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Campbell to APPROVE as no report.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Bilberry.
VOTE: Motion carried.

Walker County ESD # 3 – Board of Commissioners

17. Annual review of consultant's contracts:

Regina gave a review.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Bilberry to APPROVE contract increase of \$250.00.
SECOND: Made by Commissioner Warner.
VOTE: Motion carried.

18. Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, (Open Meetings Act) to discuss matters, as may be necessary;

ACTION: None

19. Adjournment:

The next Regular meeting will be June 11, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

ACTION: Commissioner McCaffety adjourned meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Billy Don Avritt
Secretary, Commissioner Billy Don Avritt
Minutes Approved on: 6-11-26

