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APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING

BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE

February 25, 2021

In compliance with the provision of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given that a **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Directors of Bexar County ESD 5 Fire and Rescue was held at 7120 East 6th Street, Somerset, TX 78069 on February 25, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

This meeting was conducted in person as well as via Zoom Link.

Board members and the public were invited to participate in the meeting by calling 346-248-7799 and entering the meeting ID 861 8839 7943, and password 718314. A recording of the meeting was made and is available to the public upon request.

1) Call the meeting to order and establish a quorum.

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm and a quorum was established. Board members in attendance were Herschel Postert, Howard Dalros, Becky Schneider, and Robert Pierce. Andrew Flores was absent at roll call but arrived at 6:25 pm.

2) Invocation: Pledge of Allegiance and prayer

Director Dalros led the pledge and Director Pierce led the prayer.

3) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes for the Regular Meeting on January 21, 2021

Motion by Director Schneider to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried.

b) Review and approval of financials

Motion by Director Dalros to approve the financials as presented. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried.

4) Chief's Report; including requests for funds, if any; and Department and Operations report with action taken as necessary.

Chief Estep gave his report including claims being processed, training, status of apparatus, and call volumes. Chief also told the board that they need to start thinking of a new ladder truck when the Montgomery Road station opens. Director Postert said Amazon might be a good source to approach for a donation with the new distribution center going up in our district.

The Bexar County ESD 5 Fire and Rescue reserves the right to adjourn into closed session at any time during the course of the meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above should such action be necessary as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.074 (Personnel Matters) or 551.087 (Economic Development) and any other provision under Texas Law that permits this governmental body to discuss a matter in a closed session. Action, if any, will be taken in open session.

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5) Action items:

- a) Discussion with action taken as appropriate regarding the future fire station in the Montgomery Road area, and any other matters related thereto**

Director Dalros said the platting process is 80% done. There is an issue with the civil engineer pushing to be designated as a public water system which comes with a lot more regulations. Director Dalros said we would never meet the criteria of 25 people there per day and he doesn't know why the engineer keeps pushing it. He has a call in to try to resolve this problem.

No action taken.

- b) Discussion and action, if necessary, regarding a site for a future fire station (Dalros, Pierce).**

This item was taken in Executive Session.

- c) Discussion and action regarding financing for fire station and selection of lender and possible resolution.**

Three lenders were contacted but no proposals have been received yet. No action taken on this item.

- d) Discussion and action regarding reimbursement resolution for financing of fire station.**

Director Flores arrived at this time.

Legal Counsel, Woody Wilson, explained that this resolution will allow for whatever is spent on the station before the financing is secured, can be rolled over into the note to pay the department back. Director Pierce read the resolution aloud.

Motion by Director Dalros to approve the reimbursement resolution. Seconded by Director Schneider. Motion carried.

- e) Discussion and possible action regarding service provider contract**

Legal Counsel had the service provider contracts ready for the board's signatures. No action necessary.

- f) d) Discussion and possible action regarding SOGs for Fire & Rescue in regards to carrying a weapon while on duty**

This item was taken in Executive Session.

- g) Discussion and possible action regarding Interlocal Agreement with SAFD**

This item was taken in Executive Session.

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Meeting was called into Executive Session at 6:30 pm for items 5b, 5f, and 5g citing Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney and 551.087 Economic Development.

Meeting resumed in Open Session at 6:45 pm.

Item 5b – No action taken.

Item 5f – No action taken.

Item 5g – Motion by Director Dalros to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with SAFD. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried.

6) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Schneider. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

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