

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**



APPROVED

BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE

May 28, 2020

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 Mand Rescue was held at 7120 East 6th Street, Somerset, TX 78069 at 6:00 pm. This meeting was conducted in person as well as via Zoom Link.

Board members and the public may participate in the meeting by calling 346-248-7799 and entering the meeting ID 87959708937, and password 159223. A recording of the meeting will be made available to the public upon request.

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Board members in attendance were Herschel Postert, Howard Dalros, Andrew Flores, Becky Schneider, and Robert Pierce.

2) Invocation: Pledge of Allegiance and prayer

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

3) The Board will hear a brief presentation on finance strategies from Manuel Long of Frost Bank

Manuel Long and Scott Anderson were present and gave the board a brief overview of how Frost Bank can help the district with financing real estate as well as equipment.

4) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes for the Regular Meeting on March 19, 2020

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

b) Review and approval of financials (March & April)

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

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

Chief Estep gave the board a brief update on insurance billings, training, status of apparatus, staffing, and call volumes.

Director Postert said he was approached by the people that donated the land for Station 140 about a

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previous agreement to have a fence installed. Chief Estep will get with property owners for the particulars and get some bids to present to the board.

6) Action items:

- a) Presentation of financial audit from Robert Carter of Leal & Carter, P.C. with action taken as necessary to approve adjusting and reclassifying entries per auditor's recommendations**

Robert Carter presented the board with the audit saying it was a clean audit.

Motion by Director Dalros to approve the audit as presented. Seconded by Director Flores.

Motion carried.

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

The board was given a brief update on the progress of the platting and Geotech work.

No action taken.

- c) Discussion with action taken as appropriate regarding locations for future stations**

Director Postert expressed the need to secure land for future stations and how that works into the long range plan. He would like Director Pierce to work with Chief Estep and Director Dalros to begin looking for locations along Hwy 90 and IH35. He also asked Director Flores and Director Schneider to continue with the long range plan. No action taken.

- d) Discussion and possible action regarding the possible purchase of fuel from Groff Oil**

The quote the board received was over \$88k. No action taken.

Meeting was called into Executive Session at 6:55 pm citing Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney on item 6e. It is noted that Legal Counsel, Woody Wilson, was present via ZoomLink.

Meeting resumed in Open Session at 6:57 pm.

- e) Discussion and possible action regarding the litigation with the Somerset Volunteer Fire Department in reference to Cause No. 2019-CI-08846**

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Motion by Director Dalros to proceed as directed in closed session. Seconded by Director Schneider. Motion carried.

7) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Dalros. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

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