

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING



APPROVED

BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE

November 19, 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 and Rescue was held at 7120 East 6th Street, Somerset, TX 78069 on November 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

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

Board members and the public were able to 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.

Effective March 16, 2020, Governor Gregg Abbott authorized the temporary suspension of some of the statutory provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law. This meeting of the Bexar County ESD 5 Fire and Rescue Board of Directors is being held pursuant to this authorization and will limit face-to-face meeting to slow the spread of the Corona Virus (COVID19).

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm and a quorum was established. 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) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes for the Regular Meeting on October 15, 2020

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

b) Review and approval of financials

Motion by Director Flores to accept the financials as presented. Seconded by Director Dalros. Motion carried.

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

Chief Estep reported 50 claims in progress. He said the delay is on Fire Recovery's end, not our end, but he continues to follow up. He gave a brief overview of pre-planning for the school districts and continued training, including training that can now be done in house due to an increase in firefighters becoming certified instructors. Report included status of apparatus, staffing, and call volume. 162 calls for Station 119 with an average response time of 8:30; 31 calls from Station 140 with an average response time of 7:30; 51 calls for Station 141 with an average response time of 6:45.

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

It was reported that Director Dalros and Chief Estep met with the architect and engineers on Monday and the entire station plan will have to be flipped due to the City's plans for a thoroughfare. This was determined to be the cheapest and best solution for the District. With this change, the District will save on the concrete drainage that was going to be required.

Move in date is tentatively scheduled for September of 2021 with the bid process beginning next month. Legal Counsel gave the board an outline of what to expect in the bidding process.

b) Discussion and possible action regarding service provider agreement.

This item was taken in Executive Session.

c) Discussion and action, if necessary, regarding a site for a future fire station (Dalros, Pierce)

Nothing new to report on this item. Conversations continue with landowners in the area.

Meeting was called into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:25 pm for item 5b citing Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney.

Meeting resumed in OPEN SESSION at 6:40 pm.

Item 5b – No action taken on this item.

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6) Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn by Director Schneider. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.*

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