

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

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 SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

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

Pledge led by Director Dalros and prayer led by Director Pierce.

3) Consent Agenda:

a) Review and approval of the Minutes for the August 17, 2023 Regular Meeting, and the Special meeting on August 24, 2023

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

b) Review and approval of financials

Director Postert noted that the appreciation gifts for Commissioner Rebecca Clay-Flores were paid for out of the non-tax account.

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

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

Chief Estep began by presenting 3 firefighters with plaques marking their 5 years with the department – Moses Ramos, Cody Perez, and Joshua Harlow.

Chief reported on training and offering classes to outside agencies. He said the crews have conducted pre-planning at the Amazon facility. Crews are attending all football games showing support for the community. Chief said they are preparing for National Night Out and Fire Prevention week in October. He told the board about designing and purchasing pink t-shirts to sell for \$20 each for breast cancer awareness with the proceeds going to charity.

Chief Estep said the KME has been towed to the shop and repairs will be way less than expected.

There were 67 calls in August from Station 150 with an average response time of 7 minutes; 261 calls

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from Station 151 with an average response time of 8 minutes; and 80 calls from Station 152 with an average response time 6 minutes.

5) Action items:

- a) Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of land for a future fire station in the Luckey Rd / Pearsall Rd / IH35 area including appraisals, environmental surveys, Resolution, and any other related matters**

This item will be discussed in the ESD meeting following.

- b) Discussion and possible action regarding the warranty for the KME fire engine**

No action needed on this item.

- c) Discussion and possible action regarding installing generators at the fire stations**

Chief Estep said he will continue trying to get quotes. The budget for this is in the 2023-2024 budget. No action taken.

- d) Discussion and possible action regarding the plumbing repair at Station 152**

It was noted that there was another backup at the Station so the repairs became an emergency lowest bid, 1 Tom Plumber.

Motion by Director Pierce to approve the bid by 1 Tom Plumber in the amount of \$9,222. Seconded by Director Dalros. Motion carried.

- e) Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of heart monitors**

Chief presented the quote to the board saying the purchase of 5 heart monitors would be \$212,629.85 but that it could be made in payments and the medical line item of the 2023-2024 budget accounts for that expenditure.

Motion by Director Schneider to approve the purchase of 5 heart monitors for a total price of \$212,629.85 to be paid in 60 annual payments of \$46,767.91. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried.

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- f) Discussion and possible action regarding opening a new bank account with Texas Regional Bank including naming the signers, deciding on the opening balance, if approved**

Motion by Director Schneider to move the Fire Rescue accounts from Texas Community Bank and Lytle State Bank and open an operating account with Texas Regional Bank with all board members as signers – Herschel Postert, Howard Dalros, Andrew Flores, Becky Schneider, and Robert Pierce. Motion seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried.

- g) Discussion and possible action regarding a Firefighter Award Banquet at the end of the year**

Motion by Director Pierce to move forward with an Award Banquet at Glimmering Oaks for a total cost of \$8090. on December 2nd, 2023. Seconded by Director Dalros. Motion carried.

6) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Schneider. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

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