

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE
APRIL 18, 2024

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 APRIL 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 was led by Director Dalros and prayer was led by Director Pierce.

3) Presentation from Texas Class

Karen Proctor from Texas Class gave a brief presentation about the investment pool saying they have over 50 ESDs. She said Texas Class is an investment group for Texas Public Entities.

4) Consent Agenda:

a) Review and approval of the Minutes for the March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting

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

b) Review and approval of financials

Motion to accept the financials as presented by Director Flores. 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 his report training saying the department is now offering more advanced TCFP classes. Call volumes reported were 65 calls from St150 with an average response time of 5:5 minutes; 221 calls from ST151 with an average response time of 9 minutes; and 62 calls from ST152 with an average response time of 7 mins. Total calls for March were 348.

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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Chief said he would like to list the KME Engine for sale 'as is' with Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus and sell the 1994 Simmons ladder with the online auction company ReneBates.com Chief asked to purchase a 2023 Ford Bronco for \$65,305.00 and Utility bed for the F450 Truck for \$13,751.72. He said it will take \$10,000 for markings and equipment to be added including the lighting. The budget line item Apparatus Replacement has \$90,000.

Chief would like the current chief vehicle (Ford Explorer) to be used by Assistant Chief, instead of him using his personal vehicle. He said the vehicle will not be taken home. The vehicle will remain at the station for use.

Lastly, Chief asked to remove the two palm trees at the front of Station 150 before they start to interfere with the power lines. The board had no objections.

Motion by Director Schneider to approve the purchase of the purchase of a 2023 Ford Bronco to be used as the Chief vehicle in the amount of \$65,305 and also approve the purchase of a utility bed for the Ford F450 in the amount of \$13,751.72. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried.

Motion by Director Schneider to approve the listing of the KME for sale as discussed as well as the 1994 Simmons Ladder. Seconded by Director Dalros. Motion carried.

5) Action items:

a) Discussion and possible action to clarify the procedures for hiring contractors; building maintenance / repair vs. vehicle related repairs / maintenance

There was a discussion on clarification with the board regarding procedures for repairs or maintenance on stations or vehicles. The current spending procedures will be followed- which is emergency purchases / repairs up to \$5,000 can be approved by Director Postert. Repairs or maintenance up to \$10,000 can be approved by Director Postert and Director Dalros. Anything above that or anything other than routine items, the board wants a contract that includes insurance, time frame of work, and a warranty.

No action was deemed necessary.

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6) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Schneider. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

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