

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**



**APPROVED**

**BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE**

**October 15, 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 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Somerset, TX 78069 on October 15, 2020 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 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 6:02 pm and a quorum was established. Board members in attendance were Howard Dalros, Andrew Flores, Becky Schneider, Robert Pierce and Herschel Postert via Zoom..*

**2) Invocation: Pledge of Allegiance and prayer**

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

**3) Consent Agenda:**

**a) Minutes for the Regular Meeting on September 14, 2020**

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

**b) Review and approval of financials**

*Motion by Director Flores 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 on billing, training, preplanning at the schools and other district target hazards, apparatus, staffing, and call volumes. Station 119 had 176 calls with an average response time of 8:00; Station 140 had 38 calls with an average response time of 6:30; and Station 141 had 37 calls with an average response time of 6:00. It was noted that the repaving of 1604 without any notification to the department is slowing response times from 119.*

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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**

*There was a brief update from Chief Estep with discussions regarding railroad crossings, and traffic surveys. No action taken.*

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

*Directors Pierce and Dalros gave the board a brief update on discussions they have had with area landowners. No action taken.*

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

*Director Postert gave an update saying the vehicles and equipment has been picked up and removed from the District's insurance and the litigation has been settled.*

**6) Adjourn**

*Motion to adjourn by Director Schneider. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 615 pm.*

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