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APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING

BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE

May 27, 2021

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 May 27, 2021 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 861 8839 7943, and password 718314. A recording of the meeting will be made available to the public upon request.

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

The meeting was called to order 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 recited and prayer led by Director Pierce.

3) Presentation by Amegy Bank

Amegy Bank representative was not present.

4) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes for the Regular Meeting on April 15, 2021

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

b) Review and approval of financials

Motion by Director Flores to accept the financials as presented. Seconded by Director Dalros. 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 written and oral report. He said there are 40 claims in progress with \$1336.88 collections for the month. He talked about training with 9 firefighters completing

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Fire Instructor and Fire Officer courses and 10 firefighters completing Driver Operator courses. Chief said that firefighters from Joint Base San Antonio have been training with them and said what a good asset that is as far as mutual aid. All apparatus reported to be in service and department is fully staffed.

There were 118 calls from Station 151 with an average response time of 7:30; 128 calls from Station 150 with an average response time of 8:00; and 44 calls from Station 152 with an average response time of 5:30.

6) Action items:

- a) Discussion and possible action to approve the annual financial audit as presented by the audit firm of Leal & Carter**

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

Motion by Director Schneider to approve the audit as presented. Seconded by Director Dalros. 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, including any action necessary regarding financing.**

Director Dalros said they are waiting on TCEQ. He said issues regarding drainage have been addressed and he thinks County has accepted it.

This item was then taken into Executive Session.

Meeting called into Executive Session at 6:23 pm citing Texas Government Code 551/071.

Meeting resumed in Open Session at 6:29 pm.

No action taken on item 6b.

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

Director Dalros said he is still waiting to hear from the Byroms. Director Postert asked if it was time to hire a realtor, but Director Dalros said he would like to give it 90 more days. No action taken on this item.

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- d) Discussion and action to approve the Resolution for financing the apparatus approved at the March 18th meeting.**

Director Pierce read the resolution aloud accepting financing with Republic Bank.

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

- e) Discussion and possible action regarding the continued use of Zoom for the regular monthly meetings**

Motion by Director Schneider to discontinue use of Zoom for the monthly meetings.

Seconded by Director Flores. Motion carried.

- f) Discussion and possible action regarding a fence at Station 150 (Somerset)**

There was a brief discussion about the neighboring property owners (and the family that donated the land for the station) wanting a fence at the back of the property. Chief said the pipe is already there and all they would have to do is buy the panels and pay for labor. Director Dalros directed Chief to check with the other property owners to make sure that the pipe fence will be sufficient and if so, go ahead with the fence. No action on this item was necessary.

7) Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn by Director Dalros. Seconded by Director Schneider. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.*

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