

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE
MARCH 17, 2022

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 March 17, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm and a quorum was established. Board members in attendance were Herschel Postert, Howard Dalros, Andrew Flores, Becky Schneider, and Robert Pierce by phone.

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 February 24, 2022

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.

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 training, including informing the board the firefighters participated in bomb range training with FMO and the FBI. He also said he moved an attack truck to Station 151 to help with response times. He said he is due to go to Louisiana for final inspection of the new ladder truck in April. Call volumes reported were 57 calls from Station 150 with an average response time of 7:10; 176 calls from Station 151 with an 8:00 minute average response time; and 74 calls from Station 152 with an average response time of 6:00.

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, including any action necessary regarding financing, bid process, and Resolution, if needed

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This item was taken in Executive Session.

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

Director Dalros said Bexar Medina Atascosa Water may have some land they would sell of IH35. He still would like to talk to the developers for the Silos and Whispering Falls to see if they would be willing to donate any land. No action taken.

c) Discussion and possible action regarding land on Hwy 90 owned by Mid Tex Parts and Sales (Flores, Schneider)

Director Flores said he would like to get more information about the property before the board makes a decision. He talked about traffic flow from the Montgomery Road area. Chief Estep talked about the land being on the edge of the district and giving away half your 5 mile radius of response area. Director Dalros said when they met with County Commissioner Rebecca Clay-Flores, they said they would not have a station in Von Ormy because it was on the edge of the district and he does not think this would sit well with her.

The question was asked of Legal Counsel about whether or not a 501c3 could buy land and re-sell for a profit and the answer was yes.

Director Postert asked for 2 volunteers to gather more information to bring back to the Board. Directors Flores and Schneider volunteered.

d) Discussion with possible action regarding presentation by Rob Killen, Attorney with Killen, Griffin, & Farrimond at the 10/7/2021 Special Meeting on possible donated land

Director Dalros said Legal Counsel, Woody Wilson, was to meet with Rob Killen but he was not sure if that had happened yet. Director Schneider said the closing for the developer is due to happen on 3/28/22 and that's probably what they are waiting for. Director Dalros also noted the property they are asking for is by Quintana and Loop 1604 and that area is not in a flood plane.

Meeting called into Executive Session at 6:33 pm citing Texas Government Code 551.071 on item 5a.

Meeting resumed in Open Session at 7:03 pm.

Item 5a – No action taken.

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6) Adjourn

*Motion by Director Schneider to adjourn. Seconded by Director Dalros. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.*

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