

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE
APRIL 20, 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 APRIL 20, 2023 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 recited and prayer led by Director Pierce.

3) Consent Agenda:

a) Review and approval of the Minutes for the March 16, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion by Director Schneider to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Director Pierce. 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 reported on trainings including the first completed in house TCFP program for Driver/Operator Aerial with 15 students. He reported all front line apparatus are in service and said a new service center is being built in Schertz and the KME will be sent there for repairs in June. Call volumes were reported as 56 calls from Station 150 with an average response time of 6:30 minutes; 254 calls from Station 151 with an average response time of 9:00 minutes; and 58 calls from Station 152 with an average response time of 7:00 minutes.

5) Action items:

The next 3 items were taken together. Director Dalros said the City has ended all negotiations. Several ESDs together with the Bexar County ESD Association spoke at the legislative committee hearing in Austin. The City's representatives spoke against the bill to do away with the \$20,000 debt

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cap but the comments from the committee seemed to favor the ESDs. It was noted that May 10th is the last day for the bill to advance.

Director Dalros said if this legislation gets passed, we can ask the county to give the land back to the ESD and save the \$120,000 that it will cost if the Fire Rescue has to buy the land. Either way, the plans for a station off Montgomery Road continue to move forward. The Architect is currently working with Legal Counsel to put together the request for bid packets.

There was a general discussion about locations for future fire stations and the board reviewed a map showing the 5 mile radius from the current stations.

- a) Discussion with action taken as appropriate regarding the future fire station in the Montgomery Road area, including any action necessary regarding financing, bid process, status of platting, and resolution, if any, and any other matters related thereto**
- b) Update and discussion regarding the acquisition of land on Pearsall Road and other related matters with action taken, if needed, including possibly hiring a real estate agent**
- c) Discussion and action, if necessary, regarding land for a station in the Von Ormy area**

No action was taken on 5a, 5b, or 5c.

6) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Dalros. Seconded by Director Schneider. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

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